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Enthusiasm high for harbor initiative

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The inner harbor along the St. Joseph River, near the Berrien County Courthouse, is pictured Wednesday afternoon.

Work group to investigate best way to create governing harbor body

By LOUISE WREGE
Staff Writer

BENTON TOWNSHIP — Elected officials from Benton Harbor, St. Joseph and St. Joseph Township unanimously agreed Wednesday to form a work group to investigate the best way to form a governing body to focus on the Twin Cities Harbor Revitalization Project.

Each municipality will appoint four people to serve on the work group, with a neutral person to serve as a facilitator.

State law allows municipalities to work together by forming a joint planning advisory board, a joint planning commission or a harbor authority/agency, said Berrien County Community & Economic Development Director Dan Fette. He said each model has its pros and cons.

Emily Finnell from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) said there's a lot more information to consider with each model.

Fette and Finnell recommended that municipalities give themselves 30 days to appoint their four representatives, with the work group given 120 days to study the models and to come up with a recommendation. But they said the municipalities can set whatever timeline they choose.

The St. Joseph River's outer harbor near the LaFarge silos is shown.

Fette said that when he was director of the now-disbanded St. Joseph Harbor Authority, they mostly discussed the need for dredging because the water levels were so low. With the water levels high, that's no longer a concern. But he said the water level will drop some

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U.S. seeks to tighten rules covering service animals on planes

By DAVID KOENIG
AP Airlines Writer

The days of passengers bringing rabbits, turtles and birds on planes as emotional-support animals could be ending.

The U.S. Transportation Department on Wednesday announced plans to tighten rules around service animals, the biggest change being that only dogs could qualify.

Airlines say the number of support animals has been growing dramatically in recent years, and they have lobbied to tighten the rules. They also imposed their own restrictions in response to passengers who show up at the airport with pigs, pheasants, turkeys, snakes and other unusual pets.

"This is a wonderful step in the right direction for people like myself who are dependent on and reliant on legitimate service animals that perform a task to mitigate our disability," said Albert Rizzi, founder of My Blind Spot, which advocates for accessibility for people of different ability levels.

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Oscar the cat, who is not a service animal, sits in his carry-on travel bag after arriving at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport in Phoenix in 2017.

The U.S. airline industry trade group praised the tighter rules. Industry officials believe that hundreds of thousands of passengers scam the system each year by claiming they need their pet for emotional support. Those people avoid airline pet fees, which are generally more than $100 each way.

"Airlines want all passengers and crew to have a safe and comfortable flying experience, and we are confident the proposed rule will go a long way in ensuring a safer and healthier experience for everyone," said Nicholas Calio, president of Airlines for America.

Flight attendants had pushed to rein in support animals, too, and were pleased with Wednesday's proposed changes.

"The days of Noah's Ark in the air are hopefully coming to an end," said Sara Nelson, president of the Association of Flight Attendants. The union chief said untrained pets had hurt some of her members.

Veterans groups have sided with the airlines, arguing that a boom in untrained dogs and other animals threatens their ability to fly with properly trained service dogs.

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BENTON HARBOR

City OKs rehab district for All-Phase project

Idea of a special racial equity tax floated

By LOUISE WREGE
Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — Benton Harbor city commissioners Tuesday unanimously approved creating a commercial rehabilitation district for the former All-Phase building at the corner of Riverview Drive and Empire Avenue.

Chicago developer Matt Rogatz said he plans to invest $1.5 million in the building to turn it into a banquet facility with a rooftop deck that will attract people from all around to come to Benton Harbor. He said people could, perhaps, have a wedding at Yarbrough Park across the street and then go to his building for the reception.

"It's going to be a really nice project," Rogatz said.

But the district wasn't approved without controversy, with commissioners discussing the plan for almost two hours. Some commissioners expressed concerns about having some of the property's taxes abated for up to 10 years.

"We're an entitled community, and we're a very low income community as well," Commissioner Juanita Henry said. "We have a lot of low income people. We have a lot of social problems that go along with poverty. ... One thing that we need is money. And if we keep giving these things out and waiting for 10 to 20 to 25 years, we get nothing. The things that we need right now are right

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BERRIEN COUNTY

Meetings set for residents who owe back taxes

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Berrien County's treasurer is making himself available to meet with property owners who are facing foreclosure due to unpaid property taxes.

Those owing 2017 and prior year taxes can attend one of three meetings with Treasurer Bret Witkowski to set up a monthly payment agreement with the treasurer to avoid losing their property.

WITKOWSKI

Within the last two years, more than 800 property owners have avoided foreclosure by signing up for a monthly payment plan.

"We've been doing it for 10 years, but the last four or five years we've been visiting and meeting with people," Witkowski said Wednesday. "During these meetings, it takes about half an hour per person."

Witkowski said this program has

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Bill would eliminate most elections in odd-numbered years in Washington

By RACHEL LA CORTE
Associated Press

OLYMPIA, Wash. — A House panel is considering a measure that would eliminate elections in Washington state in odd-numbered years, with supporters arguing it would increase voter participation and opponents saying it would unfairly limit voters' ability to file ballot measures.

House Bill 2529 would permit elections in odd-numbered years in limited circumstances, such as special elections, including school levies or recall of a public official. By 2026, all local elections would have to switch to even-numbered years, though special elections could continue in odd years. State ballot measures, which are seen most years, could only be run in even years starting Jan. 1, 2021.

The House Committee on State Government and Tribal Relations held a public hearing on the bill Wednesday.

Supporters of the potential change point to historically low turnout for off-year elections. In the most recent election last November, just 45 percent of voters returned their ballots, compared to the nearly 72 percent who voted in 2018. In 2017, just 37 percent of the state's registered voters cast a ballot.

In a presentation to the committee, Zoltan Hajnal, a professor of political science at University of California San Diego, cited a California study that showed moving to on-cycle elections doubles or even triples voter turnout.

"Not only do you get a lot more voters, but you get a more representative set of voters," he said.

Republican Secretary of State Kim Wyman said she has several concerns with the measure, including limiting the years voters can pursue ballot measures.

She cited the recent referendum on an affirmative action measure that the Legislature passed last year and which voters rejected in November, noting that voters would have had to wait an extra year to challenge lawmakers' actions if the proposed measure had been in effect.

"I'm not sure that that serves the people well," she said before the hearing.

Washington moved to yearly elections in 1973, and Wyman noted that in the last election before that change, there were 24 ballot measures on the 1972 general election ballot. She said a return to such a lengthy ballots would result in voters giving up before they vote on the local races at the end of the ballot.

"My concern is we're going to see drop-off by voters and it will actually result in less participation," she said.

Linda Yang, who helped run the referendum effort Wyman mentioned, told the panel that if "the Legislature does not want the people to exercise their constitutional right to propose or repeal laws in odd years, then the Legislature should not have the power either," she said.

LOTTERIES

Wednesday drawings

Michigan
Classic Lotto 47
01-02-31-36-45-47
Poker Lotto
QD-JS-KS-2D-2S
Midday Daily 3
8-6-4
Midday Daily 4
5-2-3-1
Daily 3
0-4-3
Daily 4
8-2-0-0
Fantasy 5
05-10-20-36-38
Keno
01-09-11-14-16-21-26-27-28-29-35-37-38-45-53-54-56-57-61-68-75-76
Mega Millions jackpot
$130 million
Powerball jackpot
$343 million

Tuesday drawings

Michigan
Mega Millions
16-18-29-31-37, Mega Ball: 8, Megaplier: 3
Indiana
Cash 5
04-25-30-36-38
Cash4Life
08-15-16-41-55, Cash Ball: 3
Quick Draw Midday
13-16-17-22-26-32-33-41-47-48-51-57-61-62-67-68-71-73-79-80, BE: 73
Daily Three-Midday
9-3-0, SB: 2
Daily Three-Evening
5-8-8, SB: 9
Daily Four-Midday
4-4-4-1, SB: 2
Daily Four-Evening
2-6-6-8, SB: 9
Quick Draw Evening
05-09-10-14-15-16-18-21-23-28-37-41-49-51-52-54-55-71-74-79, BE: 10
Illinois
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
02-03-32-40-44
Pick Three-Midday
7-3-8, Fireball: 3
Pick Three-Evening
5-7-5, Fireball: 1
Pick Four-Midday
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President Donald Trump speaks to attorney Alan Dershowitz, right, as he arrives for Christmas Eve dinner at Mar-a-lago in Palm Beach, Fla., on Tuesday.

Crime required for impeachment? Not so, say legal experts

By ERIC TUCKER
Associated Press

Steve Helber

Stephen Parlato, of Bolder, Colo., displays his artwork depicting, "the evil Republican senatorial judges", as he demonstrates outside the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday in Washington.

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's defense relies in part on arguments made in the impeachment trial of President Andrew Johnson more than 150 years ago: that impeachment requires a crime.

But most legal scholars disagree, including a law professor called by Republicans in the House investigation to argue against impeaching Trump.

A lawyer for Johnson argued in his opening statement to the Senate that Johnson could not be removed from office because he was not guilty of a crime. Johnson was acquitted by a single vote. One of Trump's lawyers, Alan Dershowitz says that same argument – that impeachment requires "criminal-like conduct" – will be central to the constitutional defense he will make on the president's behalf.

The idea may be attractive to Republicans seeking a legal basis to acquit Trump of having abused his power and obstructing Congress. But legal scholars dispute the idea that the Founding Fathers ever intended for impeachable offenses to require proof of a crime. And historians are equally dubious that the argument from Johnson's lawyer, Benjamin Robbins Curtis, can be credited with securing Johnson's narrow acquittal.

"This is a way in which history is weaponized and distorted in order to give these kinds of arguments heft," said Rachel Shelden, a Penn State University history professor and Civil War-era expert. "It's a way of trying to promote an understanding of the Johnson impeachment that is false, based on what historians now believe."

At issue is the Constitution's standard for impeachment: "treason, bribery, or other high crimes and misdemeanors." Over the centuries, the threshold has been understood to encompass actual crimes – judges have been impeached for sex abuse and soliciting bribes, among other offenses – but also noncriminal misconduct such as being drunk on the bench or favoritism in the appointment of bankruptcy receivers.

Johnson was impeached over accusations that he violated the Tenure of Office Act, which barred presidents from firing certain officials without Senate approval, over his removal of War Secretary Edwin Stanton.

Johnson's defense team questioned the constitutionality of that now-extinct law, and at his 1868 trial, one of his lawyers asserted in his opening argument that an impeachable offense "refers to, and includes only, high criminal offenses against the United States."

"There can be no crime, there can be no misdemeanor without a law, written or unwritten, express or implied," said Curtis, a former Supreme Court Justice. "There must be some law; otherwise there is no crime. My interpretation of it is that the language 'high crimes and misdemeanors' means 'offenses against the laws of the United States.'"

Dershowitz, who is expected to make a constitutional presentation to the Senate within days, said Sunday on CNN's "State of the Union" that he would paraphrase Curtis's argument that "the framers intended for impeachable conduct only to be criminal-like conduct or conduct that is prohibited by the criminal law."

"That argument prevailed. I will be making that argument as a lawyer on behalf of the president's defense team against impeachment. That's my role. It's very clear. I have done it before," Dershowitz said.

Republican senators may well embrace the argument. One, Sen. John Cornyn of Texas, told reporters Wednesday that anyone charged with wrongdoing has the right to know what law or standard they're accused of violating.

"This idea that you can use abuse of power as a grab bag in which to stuff all your political, policy or personal grievances – I think is very dangerous," Cornyn said.

But legal scholars and Democrats are decrying the claim that an impeachable offense must be an indictable crime.

Frank Bowman, a University of Missouri law professor and former student of Dershowitz's at Harvard Law School, described it as "rubbish." Jonathan Turley, a George Washington University law professor who argued to the House against impeachment, wrote in The Washington Post on Wednesday that such an argument was politically unwise and constitutionally shortsighted.

"They had to go outside the realm of constitutional lawyers and scholars to a criminal defense lawyer to make that argument because no reputable constitutional law expert would do that," said California Rep. Adam Schiff, chairman of the House Intelligence Committee. He is one of the seven Democratic managers prosecuting the impeachment case.

Even Trump's attorney general, William Barr, wrote in a June 2018 memo before he was nominated for the Cabinet post that Congress could impeach presidents who abused their power.

Democrats say Trump's abuse of power – pressing Ukraine for an investigation into a Trump Democratic rival, Joe Biden, at the same time his administration withheld millions of dollars in military aid – is a "quintessential impeachable offense." They say the Founding Fathers intentionally created a flexible standard of bad acts that could result in impeachment, and that Trump's acts in this instance are the framers' "worst nightmare."

Historians also point to multiple reasons for Johnson's acquittal and are skeptical that senators at the time found Curtis' arguments persuasive.

Had Johnson been removed from office, he would have been temporarily succeeded by Benjamin Wade, the Senate president and a radical Republican disliked by more conservative Republicans. Behind the scenes, Johnson and his allies worked to assure senators that if they voted to acquit him, he would stop interfering in Reconstruction. That was the very concern that led to Johnson's impeachment in the first place. And there's some agreement among historians that the senator who cast the deciding vote against impeachment was bribed.

"I don't think you can place any weight on that argument for explaining Andrew Johnson's acquittal," said Jeffrey Engel, director of Southern Methodist University's Center for Presidential History and co-author of "Impeachment: An American History."

The Constitution's framers seemed more preoccupied by the notion of a president's "faithfulness to the office" than on the precise acts that would merit impeachment, said Kent Greenfield, a Boston College constitutional law professor.

"What that means is faithful as opposed to corrupt, faithful as opposed to self-interested," Greenfield said. "There's something like a fiduciary duty to the nation. That duty is really more than just, 'Don't break the law.'"

It means, Greenfield said, putting the interests of the country above personal interests.

Even if the argument that impeachment requires a crime isn't the best legal one, it may nonetheless be worth making to senators, "who are not judges" and "may be persuaded by arguments that aren't terribly good law," said David Stewart, a historian who has written a book about Johnson's impeachment.

"I'll be blunt: If I was the president's lawyer, I'd probably make the argument too," Stewart said. "But I don't think it's very strong."

Trump sets presidential record for most tweets in a day

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump set a presidential record for activity on his favorite social media platform Wednesday, tweeting and retweeting at length about the Senate impeachment trial, the Democrats who want to replace him and much, much more.

By 4:25 p.m. ET, Trump had barreled through his previous record of 123 Twitter postings in a day that he set a little over a month ago, according to Factba.se, a service that compiles and analyzes data on Trump's presidency.

Trump's previous record for tweets on a single day during his time in the White House was set on Dec. 12, 2019, the day the House Judiciary Committee opened its marathon session to approve two articles of impeachment against the president.

Trump' set his all-time record for tweets in a day before he became president, with 161 posts in January 2015, according to Factba.se. Most of his tweeting that day was dedicated to plugging his reality television show.

Evan Vucci

President Donald Trump speaks during a meeting with his Iraqi counterpart Barham Salih at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland on Wednesday.

Seth Wenig

New graduates line up before the start of the Bergen Community College commencement at MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J. in 2018.

Unusual study details woes among veterans of foster care

By DAVID CRARY
AP National Writer

NEW YORK — Americans who have spent time in foster care are far more likely than other adults to lack a college degree, health insurance and a stable health care provider, according to a new federal analysis that is unprecedented in its scope.

One striking finding in the report: Less than 5 percent of men who have been in foster care hold bachelor's degrees, compared with 31 percent of other men.

The analysis, released Wednesday, was compiled by researchers from the National Center for Health Statistics and the Department of Health and Human Services' Children's Bureau. They analyzed data collected in interviews with nearly 25,000 Americans ages 18 to 44 that were conducted from 2011 through 2017 as part of the National Survey of Family Growth.

Numerous past studies by academics and child-advocacy groups have documented the troubling outcomes that await many young people emerging from foster care; for example, higher-than-average homelessness, unemployment, substance abuse and incarceration.

The authors of the new report says their analysis nonetheless is groundbreaking, given that other studies either focused only on young adults, were limited to specific geographic regions or relied on data that was many years old.

Among its findings:

✣oth men and women who had been in foster care were less likely than other adults to be married, and more likely to be cohabiting with a partner outside of marriage.

✶wo-thirds of women who had been in foster care received some form of public assistance, compared with one-third of other women. Just over half of men who had been in foster care received public assistance, more than double the rate for other men.

✡bout 25 percent of men and 21 percent of women who had been in foster care did not have a high school or GED diploma, more than double the figure for other adults.

✡mong men who had been in foster care, more than 34 percent lacked health insurance, compared with about 22 percent of other men. Foster care alumni also were more likely than others to be on Medicaid and to lack regular access to private doctor or a health maintenance organization.

★ore than one-half of men and women who had ever been in foster care had engaged in their first sexual intercourse by age 15, compared with 28 percent of men and 25 percent of women who had never been in foster care.

✡mong women who had been in foster care, one-half had given birth to a child by age 20; that compared with one-quarter of women who had never been in foster care.

According to the analysis, about 2.6 percent of American adults ages 18 to 44, or roughly 2.9 million people, had spent time in foster care. The rate was higher for African Americans – 3.8 percent of black men and 5 percent of black women.

The researchers said they were not placing full blame on the foster care system for the discrepancies they found.

"Outcomes may not be due solely to foster care itself ... as youth who go into foster care may be those already at risk of adverse outcomes," they wrote.

Yet they said their findings may understate the problems faced by former foster children, given that the National Survey of Family Growth interviews people based on their households and excludes people who are homeless, imprisoned or confined to psychiatric hospitals. According to the researchers, those are situations faced by a disproportionately high number of foster care alumni.

Richard Wexler of the National Coalition for Child Protection Reform, which seeks to reduce the number of children unnecessarily placed in foster care, depicted the new analysis as "the latest in a long, long line of studies showing the harm done to children when they are consigned to the chaos of foster care."

"Foster care is fundamentally unfixable," Wexler said by email. "The most important solution is to stop taking so many children needlessly in the first place."

The key to achieving that, Wexler contends, is for authorities to stop equating parents' poverty with child neglect, and to boost assistance to fragile families in the form of rent subsidies, food aid and child care options.

Amy Dworsky, a research fellow at the University of Chicago's Chapin Hall who studies vulnerable youth populations, said there are many programs across the U.S. aimed at improving the outcomes of youths emerging from the foster care system.

"There are a lot of interventions out there," she said. "But we don't have evidence-based studies of which ones work."

Dworsky noted that Congress passed a bill in 2018, the Family First Prevention Services Act, that is intended to provide more federal resources to help families in crisis stay together; for example, by providing more mental health, substance abuse and parenting services to families in which children are at risk of entering foster care.

It is too early, she said, to judge the law's impact as states continue to draft plans for implementing it.

By the latest federal count, there were about 437,000 children in foster care as of September 2018.

California's monarch butterflies critically low for second year

By OLGA R. RODRIGUEZ
Associated Press

Gregory Bull

A monarch butterfly is seen in Vista, Calif.

SAN FRANCISCO — The western monarch butterfly population wintering along California's coast remains critically low for the second year in a row, a count by an environmental group released Thursday showed.

The count of the orange-and-black insects by the Xerces Society, a nonprofit environmental organization that focuses on the conservation of invertebrates, recorded about 29,000 butterflies in its annual survey. That's not much different than last year's tally, when an all-time low 27,000 monarchs were counted.

"We had hoped that the western monarch population would have rebounded at least modestly, but unfortunately it has not," said Emma Pelton, a monarch conservation expert with the Xerces Society.

By comparison, about 4.5 million monarch butterflies wintered in forested groves along the California coast in the 1980s. Scientists say the butterflies are at critically low levels in the Western United States due to the destruction of their milkweed habitat along their migratory route as housing expands into their territory and use of pesticides and herbicides increases.

Researchers also have noted the effect of climate change. Along with farming, climate change is one of the main drivers of the monarch's threatened extinction, disrupting an annual 3,000-mile migration synched to springtime and the blossoming of wildflowers.

Western monarch butterflies head south to California each winter, returning to the same sites and even the same trees where they cluster to keep warm. The monarchs generally arrive in California at the beginning of November and spread across the country once warmer weather arrives in March.

On the eastern side of the Rocky Mountains, another monarch butterfly population travels from southern Canada and the northeastern United States across thousands of miles to spend the winter in central Mexico. Mexican officials said last year the butterfly population wintering there was rebounding but they have not yet released this year's count.

A 2017 study by Washington State University researchers found the species likely will go extinct in the next few decades if nothing is done to save it.

The monarch is now under government consideration for listing under the U.S. Endangered Species Act. The decision on whether the butterfly will be listed as threatened is expected by December.

While helping the western butterflies could seem daunting, Pelton said the fact that the population didn't shrink any further is encouraging.

Pelton said people can help by planting early-blooming flowers and milkweed to fuel migrating monarchs on their paths to other states.

The Xerces Society is working with the state of California to protect the butterflies' wintering sites and develop new sites in state parks.

"There are still thousands of monarchs (wintering) along the coast, so we can take heart that it's not too late to act," Pelton said.

Trump renews Medicaid funding Texas lost for excluding Planned Parenthood from program

By MARÍA MÉNDEZ
The Dallas Morning News (TNS)

Andy Jacobsohn / Dallas Morning News / TNS

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott, right, speaks while President Donald Trump looks on as officials discuss Hurricane Harvey response at Signature Flight Support near Love Field in Dallas on Oct. 25.

AUSTIN, Texas — The Trump administration has approved federal funding for the state's Healthy Texas Women program, which offers health care and family planning services to thousands of low-income women but excludes Planned Parenthood.

This marks the first time federal Medicaid funding has been granted to a program that excludes health care providers that perform abortions, and critics say this allows other states to follow suit.

A unit of the federal Department of Health and Human Services approved the "Medicaid waiver," a move that frees federal money for states to experiment with new approaches in the nation's main health care program for the poor and disabled.

In the Wednesday announcement of the funding, Gov. Greg Abbott praised President Donald Trump for allowing Texas to foster a "culture of life."

"This collaboration is a symbol of our commitment to championing the lives of Texas women," Abbott said in the written statement. "I am grateful to President Trump and his administration for approving this waiver, and for his commitment to protecting the unborn while providing much-needed health resources to Texas women."

Texas lost federal funding for the program, first launched in 2007 as the Women's Health Program, after excluding Planned Parenthood in 2011 because some affiliates of the organization provide abortions. The program never covered abortions.

Planned Parenthood had provided services such as birth control, cancer screenings and other family planning services to more than 40 percent of the women in the program, according to Planned Parenthood Texas Votes.

Texas began funding the program from the state's general revenue in 2013. When the state rebranded the program as Healthy Texas Women in 2016, it contracted the evangelical Heidi group to help provide services. It ended the contract in 2018 after the group failed to meet its promise to serve 50,000 women.

The state applied for the Medicaid waiver in 2017. The state Health and Human Services Commission said the agreement for the state to receive about $350 million in federal funds over five years was reached on Wednesday. The federal government will contribute an average of $69 million to the program each year while the state provides an average of about $20 million per year.

"With Governor Abbott's strong leadership, we continue making significant strides in improving access to women's health and family planning services in Texas," said Courtney N. Phillips, HHS executive commissioner.

Rep. Jeff Leach, R-Texas, who has pushed for more funding to create awareness of the program in the past, also praised the federal and state partnership.

"Today's historic announcement is a huge milestone in our state's commitment to provide quality, comprehensive health care and family planning services for Texas women while, at the same time, vigorously protecting the sanctity of life," he said in a prepared statement.

But progressive groups criticized the announcement, saying the federal funding will not necessarily increase support for Texas women.

"Instead of ideological attacks on women's health providers, state and federal leaders should focus on ways to actually improve access to high-quality health care for women," said Stacey Pogue, a senior policy analyst with the left-leaning Center for Public Policy Priorities in Austin.

The center found in 2017 that despite increased state investment in the program fewer women were being served than before Planned Parenthood was cut in 2011, when an estimated 115,226 women accessed health care. Between 2011 and 2016, enrollment in the program dropped by 24 percent, and of those enrolled, 39 percent fewer accessed health care services, according to the center.

The program served about 173,000 women during the 2018 fiscal year, according to HHS, and the new funding will allow it to serve more than 200,000 clients a year.

Planned Parenthood Texas Votes, a civic engagement arm of Planned Parenthood, criticized the Trump administration's approval of the waiver for upending "long-standing federal policy."

"Reproductive health care has been under constant attack for more than a decade in Texas and extreme politicians in the state have only been emboldened by support from the Trump administration," the organization said in an email.

Texas officials have increasingly sought to restrict government funding for Planned Parenthood and organizations affiliated with abortion providers.

Lawmakers passed a law in 2019 prohibiting government entities from entering a "taxpayer resource transaction" with an abortion provider or an affiliate. Under this law, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton said earlier this month that state employees can no longer donate to Planned Parenthood through a state charity program.

Amtrak ends policy resulting in $25,000 bill for activists

CHICAGO (AP) — Amtrak announced Wednesday the suspension of a pricing policy that resulted in a $25,000 travel bill for a group of wheelchair-bound activists heading to Bloomington-Normal, Illinois from Chicago for a conference and rally on disability rights.

The passenger rail agency told Chicago-based Access Living its policy was to charge extra to reconfigure train cars to accommodate wheelchair users.

"It was never meant to be applied to this situation and we apologize for that mistake," said the statement emailed by Amtrak spokesman Marc Magliari. "We are glad it has all worked out and we were able to accommodate our customers' trip. We will do better next time. We are America's Railroad and we want to provide more trips, not fewer."

On Monday, Amtrak apologized to Access Living and agreed to accommodate everyone at the regular rate of $16 per person.,

Access Living spokeswoman Bridget Hayman says five members of the group got ''royal treatment'' on their trip Wednesday.

"Makes you wonder what the hubbub was about," Hayman told the Chicago Sun-Times.

An Amtrak sales agent had informed Access Living of a new pricing policy meant they would be charged for seats that have to be removed to fit more wheelchairs, resulting in the $25,000 bill.

News of the policy sparked an outcry led by U.S. Sen. Tammy Duckworth, an Illinois Democrat who uses a wheelchair due to injuries suffered in combat in Iraq. She requested a meeting with Amtrak executives over the charge she said was ''outrageous.''

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U.S. paying price for Trump being Trump

Jonah Goldberg

I've long argued that Donald Trump's presidency will end poorly because he's a person of bad character. I still think that's true, though I very much doubt the impeachment trial now underway will result in his removal. Regardless of its outcome, his impeachment illustrates the damage bad character can do to the presidency, the culture and the constitutional order.

In monarchies and other systems built around one-man (or one-woman) rule, the leader's quirks, obsessions or inadequacies cease to be any of those things, instead becoming fashionable attributes of greatness. Bad jokes that emerge from his or her mouth become hilarious; rudeness, strength. Mispronunciations become fashionable locution. The story of Castilian Spaniards replacing the "s" sound with a "th" sound ("therveza" instead of cerveza) to accommodate King Ferdinand's lisp is myth, alas (or "alath"). But the moral of the story stands.

We've seen something similar happen to large swaths of the GOP. Because Trump is unteachable about how the presidency and our constitutional system are supposed to work, politicians and media figures have dropped their long-held views on foreign policy, the national debt, trade and even the need for basic civility in order to get in sync with the president.

Arizona Sen. Martha McSally's outburst on Thursday is just the latest example. When asked by a CNN reporter whether she'd support allowing witnesses at the impeachment trial, this once sober-minded politician called him a "liberal hack," creating a viral social media moment perfectly suited for cable news preening and digital fundraising.

A new book by Washington Post reporters, "A Very Stable Genius," recounts in alarming detail how early members of the Trump administration struggled to teach the president the rudiments of the job of commander in chief, only to be rebuffed as "dopes and babies" because they didn't see our international alliances and military assets as an opportunity to turn a profit. Two years later, he's surrounded by a coterie happy to let Trump be Trump.

The impeachment drama itself stems from the fact that no one can convince the president that the presidency is more than the whims, desires and ambitions of the person occupying the job.

Unfortunately, the responses from Democrats, much of the media and opponents of the president, although emotionally understandable, have often compounded the damage.

My American Enterprise Institute colleague Yuval Levin has written tellingly about the Trump era: "My rule of thumb … is that every scandal will proceed in whatever way is maximally damaging to public confidence in our core institutions. Each twist and turn and revelation will give everyone on all sides of our politics … just enough reason to believe that their side is in the right, the other side knows it but is corrupt, and the only way to get justice is to recognize that there is no alternative to stretching the norms and rules of our politics a little in this particular case."

The Washington establishment's rush to get ahead of the evidence on Trump's unproven collusion with Russia; the constant exhortation that the only reasons someone might agree with Trump policies are racism, cultism or indebtedness to Vladimir Putin; and the often-voiced determination to impeach Trump before impeachable offenses had materialized might sound like brave resistance to those already converted. But to the unconverted, such rhetoric sounds like evidence of bad faith, warranting more bad faith in response.

Our problems with partisanship and polarization predate Trump's election, but his presidency has been gasoline on a fire. Trump could have avoided impeachment countless times. Most obviously, he could have not done what he obviously did vis-à-vis Ukraine. Or he could have admitted his error, apologized and taken the steam out of the impeachment train's boilers.

Instead, because of his low character, he opted to stand by his claims that his actions were "perfect." As a result, Republicans must now further deform their character to accommodate his and scramble to protect themselves from hearing the truth at his impeachment trial, on the accurate but embarrassing pretext that the Democrats didn't expose the truth the right way.

Trump could have avoided impeachment had he governed, from the start, as a servant of all Americans, whether they voted for him or not. But that option was no option at all, because his character would not allow it. Now we are plunging further into dysfunction because the presidency was never designed for a man who could not comprehend what it means to be presidential.

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ANOTHER OPINION

In praise of the US-Mexico-Canada trade agreement

It'll soon be official. The U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement is replacing the North American Free Trade Agreement, which took effect way back in 1994. This is a very good thing for which President Trump, congressional Republicans and Democrats can claim collective credit.

The representatives and senators who refused to take yes for an answer – we're looking at you, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Bernie Sanders and (yes, even) Chuck Schumer – make mockery of the claim that they can see anything clearly in the age of Trump.

The USMCA was so-so in its initial Trumpian incarnation; thanks to a slew of improvements made in negotiations between Democrats and the administration, it got far better.

In a potentially precedent-setting measure, the deal allows the imposition of fines and tariffs against products produced in facilities where workers are denied basic collective-bargaining rights. When repeat violations are established, the flow of those goods can be stopped at the border.

NAFTA included a dispute resolution process that elevated investors' interests over national needs, incentivizing outsourcing; USMCA nixes it, reanimating enforcement mechanisms that had become virtually nonexistent under the prior regime.

Those measures are why the AFL-CIO, which has staunchly opposed NAFTA and every major trade deal since, backed this one.

Under the original version of the USMCA, pharmaceutical companies got at least 10 years of market exclusivity for many drugs without generic competition across the trade zone; the final version weakens those obstacles to driving down prescription drug prices.

There's more. Goods mostly produced outside North America, which were previously able to qualify for the trade pact's most favored treatment; no more. So too can environmentalists take heart with a change to NAFTA's requirement that countries export natural resources, which wound up disincentivizing efforts to conserve energy.

Sanders, Ocasio-Cortez and Schumer rooted their opposition in the deal's failure to prioritize, or even mention, climate change. They fell for the classic political mistake of letting the perfect be the enemy of the good.

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Warren and Sanders and the wealth tax folly

Steve Chapman

For any problem you can think of, Elizabeth Warren has a plan – usually an expensive one. She promises universal child care, universal pre-K, the elimination of student loan debt, rural broadband, "Medicare for All" and more. She's of the "go big or go home" school.

There was a time when Democrats like Bill Clinton recognized that Washington can't do everything. Not Warren. "I am so tired of hearing what the richest country on the face of the earth just can't afford to do," she says. And: "I don't understand why anybody goes to all the trouble of running to be the president of the United States to talk about what we really can't do."

Her attitude about the cost of new and expanded domestic programs is eerily similar to the George W. Bush administration's attitude about the cost of the Iraq War. The benefits would be so great that nothing else was worth mentioning.

The promise of vast new benefits for ordinary people has an undeniable allure. But where would the money come from? "Medicare for All" by itself carries a price tag of $30 trillion over a decade. The other stuff doesn't come cheap.

For those who worry about affordability, she has a wondrously simple answer: a tax on wealth. "We can ask those at the very top, the top 1 percent, to pay a little more," she said in Tuesday's Democratic debate, through a "two-cent wealth tax." Who could oppose asking the superrich to kick in two cents apiece?

Of course, what she proposes is a 2 percent tax every year on all assets above $50 million – which would amount to a minimum of $1 million per year for each of these taxpayers. For billionaires, that 2 percent would rise to 6 percent. She has no sympathy for any who object. Her campaign offers coffee mugs labeled "Billionaire Tears."

None of this is to take Bernie Sanders' side in the battle between these two. Sanders has his own wealth tax, which is even more punitive than Warren's. "There should be no billionaires," he thunders.

No, Sanders is not planning to liquidate them as Stalin did the kulaks. He's just going to tax them without mercy. Over 15 years, he says, his program would take away fully half of their assets. You know how you would acquire a small fortune under a Sanders administration? Start with a large fortune.

You don't need to be the sort of person whose weeping could fill a mug to have strong doubts about a wealth tax. It has scant support among economists on either the right or the left.

John Cochrane of the Hoover Institution and Stanford University writes that "if the question is how do we raise revenue with minimal economic distortion, the wealth tax is an awful idea." Harvard's Lawrence Summers, who was Clinton's Treasury secretary, concludes that it would "undermine business confidence, reduce investment, degrade economic efficiency and punish success in ways unlikely to be good for the country."

A wealth tax would stimulate the targets to invest in methods to escape paying – using trusts to divide assets among family members, giving to tax-deductible causes, shifting assets abroad where they can more easily be concealed and even emigrating.

The simplest and most enjoyable avoidance strategy, though, would be to squander huge sums on the high life. A million dollars invested in the stock market would be taxed. A million dollars spent on extravagant meals, the very best wines, Super Bowl box seats, tropical vacations and gala parties with marquee entertainers wouldn't be.

There is also the knotty problem of how the IRS can determine the value of many assets, from paintings to law firm partnerships to ownership shares in privately held companies.

A survey of economists by the University of Chicago's Booth School of Business found that 73 percent think "Warren's proposed wealth tax would be much more difficult to enforce than existing federal taxes because of difficulties of valuation and the ways by which the wealthy can under-report their true wealth."

The challenges of administering annual wealth taxes help explain why of the 12 European countries that had them in 1990, only three still do. Cato Institute analyst Chris Edwards explains why: "They raised little revenue, created high administrative costs and induced an outflow of wealthy individuals and their money."

All this suggests that the enormous sums of tax revenue Warren expects will not be coming. She envisions a shimmering tower of new social programs. But it would be built on sand.

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The Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez School of Economics

Ben Shapiro

On Monday, Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., sat for a discussion with author Ta-Nehisi Coates. She dropped a number of shocking statements – statements that elicited nothing but murmurs of agreement from Coates. AOC claimed: "No one ever makes a billion dollars. You take a billion dollars." How, pray tell, are American billionaires responsible for such massive theft? According to AOC, the very mechanisms of capitalism mandate such theft. In her view, successful businesspeople simply exploit their workers while maximizing their profits. Hypothetically speaking about billionaires making widgets, she said: "You didn't make those widgets! You sat on a couch while thousands of people were paid modern-day slave wages and, in some cases, real modern-day slavery ... You made that money off the backs of undocumented people."

This, of course, is nonsense. Voluntary exchange of labor for wages is, as stated, *voluntary*, and the fact that there are many people willing and able to labor in the manufacture of widgets is presumably responsible for lower wages. Companies that refuse to pay their workers market wages will soon watch those workers migrate to other businesses or other industries. It is a patent violation of free market principles to utilize force in order to compel someone to work for you; blaming the free market for coercion is like blaming free speech for censorship. Exploitation in labor markets is typically accompanied by government subsidies, regulation and interventionism.

So, how does AOC magically turn economic freedom into economic tyranny? By suggesting that *true* freedom lies in collective control of the means of production: "If you're a billionaire, that means that you control a massive system. ... It means that you have a massive labor force under your control, and to be ethical if you're a billionaire today, the thing that you need to do is give up control and power." But to whom would such power and control be given? AOC suggests that major companies be turned into worker cooperatives – companies whose workers own and control the business.

But, of course, that doesn't solve her problem: If workers own and control the business, they are properly classified as capitalists. They will have to make decisions to make the business competitive, which means keeping wages competitive, for example. This is precisely what has happened with one of the world's biggest worker collectives, the Spanish Mondragon Cooperative Corporation, whose worker-owners have "learned to think like the shareholders of any other global business," according to The Guardian. In fact, most companies begin with a few workers who pool their capital and labor: Facebook, for example, handed out stock options to employees, resulting in a $23 billion valuation for their initial employees when the company went public. Does that make those workers evil capitalists?

In the end, what AOC *truly* wants is government control. Worker collectives won't do the trick. Only top-down government redefinition of the value of labor will. When AOC claims that capitalists merely leech off the *true* value of labor, she suggests that labor can be measured without reference to the market. How would AOC measure the value of such labor? Presumably through appeals to "fairness." There is only one problem with this method: It simply doesn't work. Consumers determine the value of products; producers do not. The diffuse informational system of the free market, which rewards the power of entrepreneurship, rather than punishing it, creates prosperity; top-down control creates poverty. In fact, the greatest guarantee of the sort of poverty AOC decries is the destruction of the same system she decries.

But according to AOC, we have nothing to fear from government, and "the government is us." The fact that Coates, one of the most prominent writers on the evils of Jim Crow, nodded along should demonstrate that those on the left do not understand the consequences of their own philosophy. The government is not "us," because *we* are not a collective. We are individuals with rights. But in AOC's world, we have no rights – we have only our role as members of a collective controlled by those who agree with her. And that *is* exploitation and tyranny.

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Photos by Lisa Rathke / AP

The headstones of Josiah Clark, a Revolutionary War soldier, and his wife, which were removed from a cemetery near the edge of an eroding river bank in Weybridge, Vt. Rising seas, erosion and flooding from worsening storms that some scientists believe are caused by climate change are putting some older graveyards across the country at risk.

Erosion and floods make some final resting places not so final

By LISA RATHKE
Associated Press

Don Mason, chairman of the Weybridge, Vt., selectboard looks at gravestone of Revolutionary War soldier William Haven.

WEYBRIDGE, Vt. — When Revolutionary War soldier Josiah Clark was buried in a small Vermont cemetery near a river bank in 1835, it was supposed to be his final resting place.

But erosion over the years made worse by more intense storms has washed away some graves and left the remains of Clark, who fought at the 1775 Battle of Bunker Hill in Massachusetts, precariously perched on the edge of the steep eroding bank. His bones were exhumed last spring, and now the town is trying to figure out what to do about the eroding cemetery, where another Revolutionary War soldier is also buried.

"That's a big part of our history, and I think it's terrible that ... this is happening," said Tom Giffin, president of the Vermont Old Cemetery Association.

Rising seas, erosion and flooding from worsening storms that scientists believe are caused by climate change are putting some older graveyards across the country at risk. From western Alaska to Louisiana to the eastern shores of Maryland, some historical burial grounds are sinking or submerged in swamps. And the problems are not just in coastal areas.

"There's no question but that archaeological and historic resources are threatened and arguably increasingly threatened with climate change effects," including burial grounds, said David Anderson, a professor of anthropology at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

On an island off New York City, authorities in 2018 found 174 bones unearthed on a site that holds the remains of more than 1 million people. The culprit was shoreline erosion.

Hart Island has served as a potter's field for New York City for nearly 150 years. People who couldn't afford a funeral or whose bodies were not claimed when they died are buried in mass graves there. But part of the graveyard on a shoreline is gradually washing away.

"It's sad enough to know that a million people are buried there," said Carol DiMedio, of West Chester, Pennsylvania, who discovered in 2017 that her grandfather was buried on Hart Island in the 1930s. "It's sad enough to know that a lot of loved ones have no idea where the person is buried. And then the indignity of that, of bones washing away."

Every time there's a storm, she worries about Hart Island, she said.

Preliminary work has started to stabilize and reinforce the seawall that protects the island in various spots, particularly the north shore, which has seen the most erosion and was further damaged by Superstorm Sandy and subsequent storms, said Jason Kersten, a spokesman for the New York City Correction Department, which operates Hart Island.

Much of the project is funded by $13.2 million from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Once the restoration is complete, the remains will be re-interred, he said. The Department of Parks and Recreation is in the process of taking over the island.

Another Vermont cemetery also has been hit hard. Tropical Storm Irene in 2011 swept dozens of sets of remains from a mountain cemetery down a raging stream in the town of Rochester. Some of the 50 sets of remains from the Woodlawn Cemetery were left intact in caskets ripped lose by floodwaters, while others were dispersed around the cemetery or down the stream.

Six weeks later about half of the remains had been recovered.

"They will be finding remains in that river for 100 years," Giffin said.

Off of a dirt road in Weybridge, Vermont, where Clark, the Revolutionary War soldier was laid to rest, some of the other 20 or so sets of remains in the graveyard have been lost in the soil and stream.

"You're talking about a whole cemetery being eroded over the bank," Giffin said. "I've never seen one as bad as this one, ever."

For now the cemetery's future remains uncertain. A woman who lives part time in the historic stone home adjacent to the cemetery had offered land onto which the graveyard could be moved. Before taking on the cemetery, Selectboard chairman Don Mason said he thinks the dirt road leading to it that was damaged in a storm needs to be repaired first.

Clark's remains are being held by the town in a box. He and his wife's headstones have been moved away from the bank.

Like so many aging graveyards, the costly repairs are often the responsibility of the towns or cemetery associations, which may lack the funds to protect these sites.

"When you go to town meeting and you ask do you put money to an old cemetery, (or do) you buy new text books, it's kind of a no-brainer for the town," said Giffin. "But this was a big piece of not only Vermont history but United States history. "

Death notices

Rae Ann Adams, former area resident died Jan. 20, 2020, in Roanoke, Va. Allred Funeral Home, Berrien Springs, 471-3729.

Shirley R. Bryson, 76, of Berrien Springs died Jan. 18, 2020, at home. Allred Funeral Home, Berrien Springs, 471-3729.

Robert "Bob" Doornbos, 79, of Coloma died Jan. 18, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Davidson Chapel, Florin Funeral Service, Coloma, 468-3181.

Cleo F. Hinton, 94, of Mission, Texas, died Jan. 20, 2020. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Inn Sue Joe, 80, formerly of Berrien Springs died Jan. 15, 2020, in Fairfax County, Va. Allred Funeral Home, Berrien Springs, 471-3729.

Cheryl L. Schinck, 71, of Coloma died Jan. 22, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Duffield & Pastrick Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Coloma, 468-6000.

Cammillius "CC" J. Thompson III, 59, of Grand Rapids died Jan. 7, 2020. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Clarence Tillman, 82, of Benton Harbor died Jan. 19, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St Joseph. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Delores Zook, 74, of Niles died Jan. 18, 2020, at Riveridge Manor, Niles. Halbritter Wickens Funeral Home, Niles, 683-3000.

OBITUARIES

Cammillius 'CC' J. Thompson III

May 2, 1960 – Jan. 7, 2020

Cammillius "CC" J. Thompson lll, 59, favorably known as "CC," passed away Jan. 7, 2020, in Grand Rapids, Mich.

CC was born May 2, 1960, in Berrien Springs, to Camilus Thompson Jr. and Dorothy (Delaney) Thompson.

CC enjoyed life. He enjoyed watching WWE and shooting pool. He also enjoyed building and working on bicycles, but most of all, he took great satisfaction in being with his children, family and friends. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

CC is survived by his children: daughter, Shenecа Mosby; son, Camilious Thompson IV; grandchildren, Ke-Arrie Johnson and Kevin Johnson Jr.; his mother, Dorothy Thompson of Grand Rapids; his sisters, Wanda Thompson of Grand Rapids, Sheralene Anderson of Indianapolis and Shannon Anderson of South Bend, Ind.; his brother, Tony Thompson of Kalamazoo; his aunts, Portia Jones, Ida Holton, Barbara Whitfield, Elizabeth Delaney and Rita Delaney of Benton Harbor, Margaret Thompson of Phoenix and Mildred Corhn of Kalamazoo; uncle, Elgie Delaney of Chicago; girlfriend, Veronica Johnson; good friend, Rodger Miller; and a host of relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Camilus Thompson Jr; grandparents, Camilus Sr. and Lebrelia Thompson and Frank and Virgie Delaney; uncles: L. C. Thompson, Henry Thompson, Sam Thompson, Bobby Joe Thompson, James Delaney, Verdean Delaney and Raymond Delaney; and aunts, Virsie Shepherd and Lima Delaney.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, Jan. 25, at Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, with visitation at 1 p.m., followed by services at 2 p.m. Those wishing to sign the guest book online may go to robbinsbrothersfh.com.

Robert 'Bob' Doornbos

June 4, 1940 – Jan. 18, 2020

Robert "Bob" Doornbos, 79, of Coloma died Saturday, Jan. 18, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center in St. Joseph.

Family services will be held at later date and cremation has taken place. Memorials may be made to the donor's choice. Arrangements are by the Davidson Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in Coloma. Please share messages, memories or photos at www.florin.net.

Bob was born on June 4, 1940, in Jamestown Township, Mich., to Ray and Isla Doornbos. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and served our country for 23 years. He was a member of the Coloma American Legion. After the U.S. Navy, Bob was a teacher in the Los Angeles Unified School System for 20 years.

In 2007 he moved back to Coloma and met his significant other, Brenda Feury. They had been together for the last 13 years and enjoyed traveling to Hawaii and other places. Bob was also a life member of the Coloma Masonic Lodge and the Elks. In his younger years he enjoyed fishing and hunting, and more recently, enjoyed going to the casinos and working outdoors in his yard.

His family includes: his significant other, Brenda Feury and her family; his children, Andrew Doornbos of Grants Pass, Ore., Kellae Fisher of Flagstaff, Ariz., and Heather Doornbos of Washington; his sisters, Marilyn (James) Nord of Watervliet, Elaine (John) Williams of Chicago and Mary (Gary) Richmond of Hartford; his grandson, Maverick; and his brother-in-law, Leonard Seymour.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his sisters, Marcia and Kathleen.

'Great Gatsby' copyright to end in 2021

By HILLEL ITALIE
AP National Writer

NEW YORK — For decades, Jay Gatsby, Daisy Buchanan and other characters from "The Great Gatsby" have been as real to millions of readers as people in their own lives, exemplars and victims of the American pursuit of wealth and status.

Starting next January, F. Scott Fitzgerald's classic Jazz Age tale will truly belong to everyone.

The novel's copyright is set to expire at the end of 2020, meaning that anyone will be allowed to publish the book, adapt it to a movie, make it into an opera or stage a Broadway musical. No longer will you need to permission to write a sequel, a prequel, a Jay Gatsby detective novel or a Gatsby narrative populated with Zombies.

"We're just very grateful to have had it under copyright, not just for the rather obvious benefits, but to try and safeguard the text, to guide certain projects and try to avoid unfortunate ones," says Blake Hazard, the late author's great-granddaughter and a trustee of his literary estate. "We're now looking to a new period and trying to view it with enthusiasm, knowing some exciting things may come."

"I wish it were possible for the Fitzgerald Trust to retain copyright," says Fitzgerald scholar James L. W. West III, a professor emeritus at Pennsylvania State University. "They have been wonderful caretakers of Fitzgerald's literary rights and his reputation. But under our laws all literary works eventually belong to the people. That's probably as it should be."

"Gatsby" has endured in a changing industry and a changing world. It was published in 1925 by Scribner and remains a Scribner book, though now part of Simon & Schuster. The novel, popular with general readers and a standard assignment for students, has sales as dependable as any so-called "backlist title." When Fitzgerald died in 1940, fewer than 25,000 copies of the book had sold. Now, worldwide sales are nearing 30 million and more than 500,000 copies sell each year in the U.S. alone, according to Scribner.

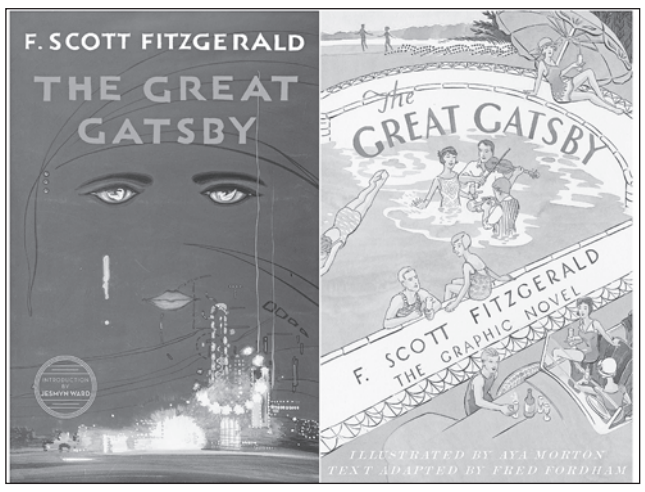
Publishers specializing in older works already are preparing their own editions. The Library of America will include the novel next year in a hardcover volume, edited by West, of Fitzgerald's work.

As with such current public domain titles, cheap paperback editions and free e-book editions are likely to proliferate.

Scribner editor-in-chief Nan Graham acknowledges that sales are likely to fall, but says the publisher is working to hold on to as much of the market as it can, drawing in part on its long ties to Fitzgerald's heirs. A graphic novel, featuring an introduction from Blake Hazard, is coming out in June. In 2018, Scribner reissued the book with a so-called authoritative text, making minor changes based on Fitzgerald's own notes. The introduction was provided by Scribner author Jesmyn Ward, a two-time National Book Award winner who wrote of how she, an African American from rural Mississippi, could relate to Fitzgerald's saga set in Long Island, New York.

"Hungry as I was to escape my own little nowhere country town, my own poor beginnings, as a teen I could only see Gatsby's yearning. I was too young to know his wanting is wasted from the moment he feels it," Ward writes. "The seasoned heart aches for James Gatz, the perpetual child, the arrested romantic, bound by one perfect moment to failure.

"This is a book that endures, generation after generation, because every time a reader returns to 'The Great Gatsby,' we discover new revelations, new insights, new burning bits of language."



Scribner / AP

The 2018 cover image of the novel "The Great Gatsby" by F. Scott Fitzgerald, left, and "The Great Gatsby: The Graphic Novel," with illustrations by Aya Morton and adapted text by Fred Fordham. The novel's copyright is set to expire at the end of 2020.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

25 years ago – 1995

A snow advisory didn't stop 16 aspiring ballerinas from traveling to Benton Harbor yesterday to compete for scholarships for this summer's international ballet seminar at Lake Michigan College.

Some of the girls traveled for 3-4 hours to audition for scholarships to the 14th International Ballet Seminar, a program for teachers and serious students. Founder Audre Deckmann Mendel, a former soloist with New York City Ballet, was on hand to participate in the teaching and judging.

35 years ago – 1985

The St. Joseph Kiwanis Club is joining other Kiwanians throughout the world in observing Kiwanis 70th Anniversary Week, Jan. 20-26, according to Davison Brown, president of the St. Joseph club.

The first Kiwanis Club was chartered Jan. 21, 1915, in Detroit. The organization has grown to 8,100 clubs in 80 nations with 310,000 members. Club members raised $41.4 million last year for community service projects and contributed more than 21 million hours of volunteer work.

50 years ago – 1970

Area narcotics arrests more than tripled last year. Spokesmen for four police agencies near the Benton Harbor-St. Joseph area reported 79 persons were arrested in comparison to 22 in 1968. The spokesmen blamed the jump on heavier trade in the illegal traffic which led to a corresponding jump in police activity. None of the spokesmen were predicting any let up for 1970.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Jan. 23, the 23rd day of 2020. There are 343 days left in the year.

Highlight in History:

On Jan. 23, 1964, the 24th Amendment to the United States Constitution, eliminating the poll tax in federal elections, was ratified as South Dakota became the 38th state to endorse it.

On this date:

In 1368, China's Ming dynasty, which lasted nearly three centuries, began as Zhu Yuanzhang was formally acclaimed emperor following the collapse of the Yuan dynasty.

In 1845, Congress decided all national elections would be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

In 1932, New York Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt announced his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination.

In 1950, the Israeli Knesset approved a resolution affirming Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.

In 1962, Jackie Robinson was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in his first year of eligibility. Tony Bennett recorded "I Left My Heart in San Francisco" in New York for Columbia Records.

In 1968, North Korea seized the U.S. Navy intelligence ship USS Pueblo, commanded by Lloyd "Pete" Bucher, charging its crew with being on a spying mission; one sailor was killed and 82 were taken prisoner. (Cmdr. Bucher and his crew were released the following December after enduring 11 months of brutal captivity at the hands of the North Koreans.)

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Rain & Snow Likely	Rain & Snow Likely	Rain & Snow Likely	Rain & Snow Likely	Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy
36°	28°	37° / 27°	35° / 29°	36° / 26°	34° / 28°

Local Outlook

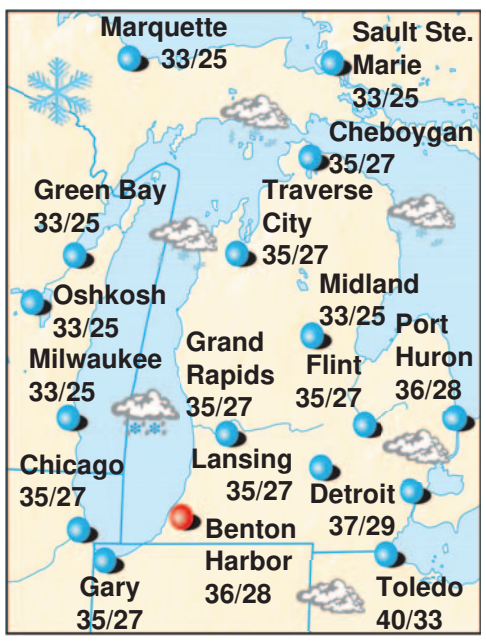
Today we will see cloudy skies with a 75% chance of rain and snow, high of 36°, humidity of 78%. South southeast wind 7 to 11 mph. Snow accumulation of less than one inch possible. Expect cloudy skies tonight with a 75% chance of rain and snow, overnight low of 28°.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise	8:07 a.m.
Sunset	5:48 p.m.
Moonrise	7:21 a.m.
Moonset	4:39 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
1/24	2/1	2/9	2/15

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	34°
Low	23°
Normal High	31°
Normal Low	16°
Record High	55° in 2002
Record Low	-7° in 2000

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	3.51"
Normal for month	1.21"
Year to date	3.51"
Normal Year to date	1.21"

Air Quality

Yesterday	51
Main Offender	Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50	Good
51-100	Moderate
101-150	Sensitive
151-200	Unhealthy

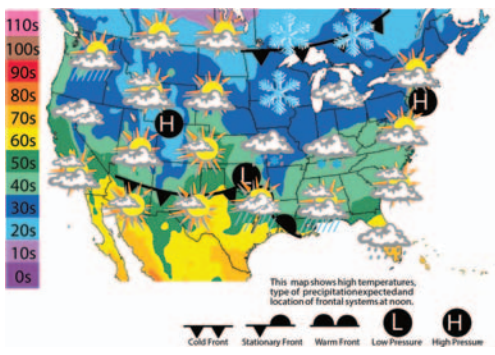
Weather Trivia

What was the most snowfall recorded from a single storm?

Answer: From Feb. 13th to Feb. 19th, 189 inches fell at Mt. Shasta, Calif.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for Jan. 23, 2020



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Lake Michigan

Today, S wind 10 to 13 kt. Rain and snow showers. Waves 1 to 2 ft. Water temperature 36 degrees. Tonight, SE wind around 9 kt. Rain and snow showers likely. Waves around 1 ft.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be cloudy with widespread snow, highs in the 30s. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph. Expect cloudy skies Friday with widespread snow, highs in the 30s. East wind 8 to 11 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be cloudy with isolated rain and snow, highs in the 30s. South southeast wind 7 to 11 mph. Expect cloudy skies Friday with widespread rain and snow, highs in the 30s. East wind 6 to 9 mph.

Don Campbell / HP staff

The St. Joseph River flows past Fisherman's Park, located near the Whirlpool Corp. Riverview campus in Benton Harbor.

HARBOR

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day, making dredging a necessity.

All of the elected officials agreed that the harbor, river and lake are treasures.

"If we take a step back, what we're here for tonight is committing to take responsibility and accountability for one of the most monumental resources in our communities," said St. Joseph Commissioner Jeffrey Richards. "... It's up to us because we border on this natural resource to maintain the resource, when the water's high or when the water's low, because it's very important that we show the people that we represent that we're doing something ... so this will be another way that we can pull people into our community."

He said creating a joint governing body will give the municipalities an opportunity to improve this natural resource in a coordinated way that benefits everyone.

"We have to do this together," said Interim Benton Harbor City Manager Ellis Mitchell.

St. Joseph Mayor Mike Garey agreed.

"We cannot stay at home and build a wall around our communities," he said.

St. Joseph Township Trustee Ron Griffin suggested that the three elected bodies get together more often.

The Twin Cities Harbor Sustainability Initiative was started almost two years ago to look at the best way to stimulate growth along with waterfront. The initiative was sponsored by EGLE in partnership with Michigan Sea Grant, Lawrence Technological University, the Harbor Conservancy and other groups.

In the past, consultants said the harbor brings in $20 million a year from recreational boating and generates $250 million in income from commercial shipping of construction and road materials. The study looked at 728 acres within a quarter-mile radius of the waterfront and harbors, excluding downtown St. Joseph and Benton Harbor, where separate planning is taking place.

The vision included water taxis, underground parking garages, walking trails and retail space.

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DISTRICT

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now."

Mayor Marcus Muhammad said the property taxes may be abated for up to 10 years, but the people working at the venue would start paying the city income tax right away.

"As it sits right now, we get nothing," he said. "... We are dealing with a building that is deteriorating every second as we sit here and debate."

Rogatz said he has considered turning the building into a warehouse, which would require much less in renovations. But he said a warehouse wouldn't attract people to the community like an event center would.

Commissioners are expected to consider approving a commercial rehabilitation exemption certificate for the property at their next meeting, at 7 p.m. Feb. 3 at city hall.

Special racial equity tax

Commissioners also heard from Marvin Haywood, a member of the city's Racial Equity Committee, which commissioners created in October. Haywood said money is needed to advance the work of the committee.

"We'll be looking in November to put something on the ballot," he said. "Right now, we're in the process of putting out a petition so that we can put the racial equity hub in play so that we can create the dollars that are needed to put the inner city back where it needs to be."

The online petition can be found at bhwallst.us.

It calls for a Racial Equity Relief, Recovery and Reform Office to be created and overseen by the Racial Equity Committee. It would be funded by a special racial equity tax consisting of a 1.5 percent tax on cannabis revenue, 1 percent tax on businesses with revenue of $1 million or more, and a 2 percent exit tax on businesses that fall under the first two categories that decide to leave the city.

"With the help of our city council, we can bring millions of dollars back to the families in Benton Harbor and revitalize the inner city," the petition states.

In addition to creating the office, the petition says the money would be used to "enhance Benton Harbor public school programs, finance and support black businesses, enhance training for residents, help with transitional housing and secure jobs for African American residents and Benton Harbor Area School graduates/alumnae."

Haywood said great things are going to happen this year.

"With or without city government, we have to move things forward. We can't allow others to come in with thoughts and ideas that may not be in our best interests," he said. "As we move forward, I've been asking each and every entity to come up with a plan or something that you're passionate about in your committees and bring us an update on what you're going to accomplish."

Commissioners did not weigh in on the idea at Tuesday's meeting.

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TAXES

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served to benefit property owners – along with the local municipality – with an overall success rate of 93 percent.

The treasurer will be available at the administration building at 701 Main St. in St. Joseph, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday – except for Tuesday when he is in the Niles office at 1205 Front St. from 9 a.m. to noon.

Witkowski also set additional dates and times to meet with him in Watervliet, Niles and Benton Harbor prior to the March 31 foreclosure deadline.

- 8 p.m. on Feb. 12, Witkowski will be at Watervliet Public Library, at 333 N. Main St. in Watervliet;
- 1 a.m.-3 p.m. on Feb. 15, he'll be at the South County Courthouse at 1205 Front St. in Niles;
- 1 a.m.-3 p.m. on Feb. 29, he'll be at Benton Township Hall, at 1725 Territorial Road.

Witkowski said the county signs an extra 100 residents a year to the monthly payment plan as a result of its three annual open meetings.

The county usually chooses Niles and either Benton Harbor or Benton Township, as those municipalities tend to produce the highest amount of foreclosures.

The third open meeting changes each year based on recent foreclosure trends.

"We try to move that third one around to a different spot," he said. "This year, the Watervliet and Coloma area had an uptick. We've also been to Buchanan and Three Oaks, among other municipalities."

The county handles about $183,000 a month in those tax payments. The amount of people paying delinquent property taxes has steadily increased for the county since it began sending out text messages as alerts.

Witkowski said about 400 property owners have avoided foreclosures since the county began holding these meetings at locations outside of the administration building.

"It really works," Witkowski said. "We get a lot of people who come out. Right now we have about 800 properties in the payment plan. That's about 20 percent more compared to last year."

By law, all 2017 and prior taxes are required to be paid in full or a payment agreement signed before March 31 to avoid foreclosure.

If taxes aren't paid for three years, the county forecloses and the property is made available at the annual land auction in July.

Witkowski said the treasurer has no authority after March 31 to allow any exceptions, unless court-ordered.

For information on tax payment plans, contact the treasurer's office at 269-983-7111, Ext. 8569.

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ANIMALS

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Last year, more than 80 veterans and disability groups endorsed banning untrained emotional-support animals in airline cabins.

"It's just interesting how people want to have the benefits of having a disability without actually losing the use of their limbs or senses just so they can take their pet with them," Rizzi said.

Southwest Airlines handles more than 190,000 emotional support animals per year. American Airlines carried 155,790 emotional support animals in 2017, up 48 percent from 2016, while the number of checked pets dropped 17 percent. United Airlines carried 76,000 comfort animals in 2017.

Department officials said in a briefing with reporters that they are proposing the changes to ensure safety on flights. They also said some passengers have abused the current rules.

The public will have 60 days to comment on the proposed changes, and they could take effect any time after that.

The Transportation Department proposes a narrow definition of a service animal – it would be a dog that is trained to help a person with a physical or other disability. Currently, passengers have been allowed to bring many other animals if they have a medical professional's note saying they need the animal for emotional support.

A dog that is trained to help a passenger with psychiatric needs would continue to qualify as a service animal.

The proposal would prohibit airlines from banning particular types of dog breeds – Delta Air Lines bans pit bulls, for example – but airline employees could refuse to board any animal that they consider a threat to other people.

The president of the Humane Society of the United States said airlines had "maligned" the dogs by banning them. Kitty Block said the Transportation Department's rule against breed-specific prohibitions "sends a clear message to airlines that their discriminatory practices are not only unsound, but against the law."

The new rules would also bar the current practice by many airlines of requiring animal owners to fill out paperwork 48 hours in advance. A department official said that practice can harm disabled people by preventing them from bringing their service dog on last-minute trips. But airlines could still require forms attesting to an animal's good behavior and health, which could present challenges if the form has to be completed by a specific institution, Rizzi said.

The proposal also says people with service animals must check in earlier than the general public, and would end the rarely seen use of miniature horses as service animals, although a Transportation Department official indicated the agency is open to reconsidering that provision.

Airlines could require that service animals be on a leash or harness and fit in its handler's foot space. They could limit passengers to two service animals each, although it is unclear how often that happens under the current rules.

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No charges sought in Wecycle investigation

Prosecutor rules there is insufficient proof of wrongdoing

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — No criminal charges will be sought following an investigation into recent financial dealings of Wecycle Industrial Sanitation, the prosecutor's office announced.

Berrien County Prosecutor Michael Sepic said Wednesday in a news release that there is insufficient proof to suggest an employee embezzled or received money under false pretenses from the Benton Harbor garbage hauler.

When Virginia Huddleston took possession of a check from the city toward the end of October – which was made out to Wecycle for $39,353.33 – she opened an account at Chemical Bank in Benton Harbor in the name of Wecycle Industrial Sanitation LLC.

Robert Edwards, who was designated as the resident agent for Wecycle in 2017, had regularly picked up the monthly check from the city and operated the trash pickup business.

When Huddleston picked up the October check, it diminished Edwards' working capital to cover expenses. A dispute emerged as to who was legally entitled to the $39,000 from October.

Shortly after, the sheriff's department opened an investigation to determine if Huddleston's conduct was criminal.

Wecycle is labeled a domestic limited liability company. It's articles of organization were filed May 11, 2017. No other names were recorded as having an interest in Wecycle in that document.

In March 2017, a certificate of assumed name was filed with the Berrien County clerk's office indicating Huddleston, Edwards and Jewell Allen were individuals doing business as Wecycle.

In October 2017, all three individuals signed a document titled "Resolution Authorizing Signature for Benton Harbor Documents," which authorized Edwards to sign on behalf of the company for any document related to the Benton Harbor trash contract.

Sepic said the significance of that document is that it names all three as members and/or managers of Wecycle.

"Despite their best attempts, the three principals failed to organize their company effectively," Sepic said in the release. "However, it is clear Huddleston was acting in what she believed to be the interest of the enterprise."

While the account at Chemical Bank with the $39,000 is now frozen, the investigation revealed Huddleston did pay some expenses of the business.

Sepic added it is unclear who should take possession of the remaining money from that October check.

"This decision does not address, and it is not within the purview of the criminal investigation to opine, who is entitled to the remainder of funds frozen by Chemical Bank," Sepic said. "That issue must be resolved between the parties to the contract."

City commissioners awarded Wecycle a three-year contract in 2017, which is set to expire this October.

In November, Edwards said Wecycle stopped picking up trash because the company's monthly check was given to Huddleston, who he said he had fired more than a year previously. He said even though Huddleston got the money, she didn't pay any of the bills, including the employees or the landfill fees.

Huddleston has said she was never fired, but stopped working in the Wecycle business office on her own. She said she never gave up ownership of the company.

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SH man suffers rare type of stroke

Family faces uncertain future as father battles locked-in syndrome

By KIM INGALLS
HP Correspondent

Photo provided / Alan Quinn family

Alan and Catina Quinn are shown at their daughter Destiny's high school graduation. Front row, from left, are the couple's children: Ash, Anakin and Collin. In the back are Alan, Destiny, Catina and Nolan.

SOUTH HAVEN — When Catina Quinn's husband, Alan, 34, called her from work New Year's Eve and said he had some numbness and tingling on his left side, she never would have dreamed that the next 24 hours would change their lives forever.

Alan suffered a massive brain stem stroke that left him with a rare neurological disorder called locked-in syndrome. The disorder results in complete paralysis of all voluntary muscles except for the ones that control the movement of the eyes. Individuals with the syndrome are conscious and awake but have no ability to produce movements (outside of eye movements) or to speak. It is caused by damage to the pons – a part of the brainstem that contains nerve fibers that relay information to other areas of the brain.

"He got home around 7:38 p.m. and went right to our bedroom and laid down," Catina recalled. "I went in to check on him and he said he had a headache and wanted to just lay down for a bit. He asked for Excedrin and again was asked if he would go to the hospital. He said no, it was just a headache and it felt like it was due to a kink in his neck."

Alan, of the South Haven area, was completely coherent and a family member who was a nurse and at the house didn't see any warning signs. No one even considered the possibility of a stroke.

However, that's exactly what happened.

It was after midnight when things changed for Alan. He was found unresponsive and having a seizure. All the family could do was wait for the ambulance and pray.

"When the ambulance arrived, they took us to Bronson in Kalamazoo where they told us the devastating news that Alan had suffered a stoke due to a blood clot," Catina said.

There is no cure or specific treatments for locked-in syndrome, according to the National Institutes of Health. While partial recovery of muscle control is possible, it is somewhat dependent on the cause. Speech therapists can help people with locked-in syndrome communicate more clearly with eye movements and blinking. However, electronic communication devices, including patient-computer interfaces such as infrared eye movement sensors and computer voice prosthetics, are allowing people with locked-in syndrome to communicate more freely and have access to the internet. Motorized wheelchairs have also increased independence.

"I worked in the health field for 15 years and had never heard of locked-in syndrome," said Catina. "Only 1 percent of stroke patients end up with it."

Born and raised in South Haven, Alan worked as a security guard at Palisades Nuclear Plant. The father of five is the sole provider for the family, and while he has health insurance, for now, to cover the medical bills, the family is having a hard time meeting household expenses, as well as the added incidental expenses like gas used for traveling back and forth to the hospital.

"This will be a long process developing a new life," wrote Catina's sister Stephanie Barbosa, who started a GoFundMe page for the family. "Alan and Catina are reluctant to ask for help, so I am doing it on their behalf. As you can imagine this has been a huge shock and it has put a heavy financial burden on this family. We are asking for help to cover the cost of their mortgage and any other unforeseen expenses that will arise. No matter what the next course of action is Alan and Catina will continue to rely on God for their source of comfort and strength as they adjust to a life that looks very different."

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Youth Fair sets beef registration deadline

Deadline is Feb. 1

By HP STAFF

BERRIEN SPRINGS — Market beef registration for the 2020 Berrien County Youth Fair is underway and the registration deadline is set for Feb. 1.

Berrien exhibitors between the ages of 5 and 20, as of Jan. 1, 2020, may register their market beef animals by picking up a form at the fair office, by calling 269-473-4251, or by online registration for market beef.

If online registration is used, the exhibitor's printed email confirmation will serve as the traditional yellow copy of the entry form and is required on entry day, just as the yellow copy of the traditional entry form is.

All beef and dairy animals must have a radio frequency electronic identification tag number listed on the exhibitor entry form, which is issued by the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development.

The RFEI tag can be obtained by calling 1-800-292-3939, or online at www.michigan.gov/mdard.

Information necessary to register a market beef animal includes the name of the exhibitor, the exhibitor number, RFID number, address, telephone number, address where animal is housed, department, division/class number, and the breed to be registered.

Market beef classes consist of Shorthorn, Hereford, Angus, Simmental, Chianina, Dairy, Market Heifer and Crossbred.

Animals must be entered in the correct class at the time of weigh-in.

Market beef animals that are tagged on weigh-in day can only be exhibited by the exhibitor who registered the animal. There will be no changes allowed among siblings on entry day.

Each exhibitor may register four animals, but only two animals can be exhibited at the fair, which runs from Aug. 17-22.

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Kandin Shuler of Baroda spends time with a Holstein cow named Rampage during the 2016 Berrien County Youth Fair in Berrien Springs.

All steers that are registered to come to the fair must be brought to the fairgrounds to be ear-tagged and weighed from 8-11 a.m., Feb. 22 at the beef barns, buildings 53 and 52.

The BCYF beef committee is also offering a beef carcass class. All entries must be submitted by Feb. 1.

A minimum of two beef must be registered for the class to proceed – with a maximum of 10 beef in the class. Only one tagged beef will be allowed per exhibitor.

For more details regarding the beef carcass class, call the fair office.

EAU CLAIRE SCHOOLS

District canceled Monday classes due to staff illnesses

By DEBRA HAIGHT
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EAU CLAIRE — Eau Claire students had an unexpected day off Monday due to a large number of teachers and staff being sick. While other area districts already had a scheduled vacation day with the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, the Eau Claire district had planned to hold classes.

Superintendent Ann Shell said Wednesday that she decided to close district schools Monday with so many staff sick, plus the difficulty she would have had to get substitutes because of the King holiday. She noted that some students also have been sick of late with upper respiratory illnesses, but that the majority of those sick were adults.

She said the district did take the opportunity of the schools being closed to disinfect the buildings to help safeguard against the spread of more illness.

The district closed down for two days in 2018 due to a flu epidemic that kept nearly a quarter of the students out of school. The district took similar action then to disinfect the buildings.

Shell also reported on the district's position on starting classes before Labor Day this fall. She said school board members have already expressed an interest in doing so, and that she received a similar result from an online survey of staff and parents.

She said the online survey closes this Friday and so far a majority of respondents are in favor of starting school before Labor Day. If that does in fact happen, she envisions having a "soft opening" for students in the week before Labor Day, which would concentrate on pretesting and behavior expectations.

Berrien RESA is currently surveying districts in the county and considering asking the state for a waiver to the law requiring schools have a post-Labor Day start. If enough school districts in the county agree, RESA officials are expected to ask the state for a waiver from that state law.

Board members also approved a bid of $20,000 from D.A. Dodd to make upgrades to heating, mechanical and other equipment at the elementary and middle/high school buildings.

Also, two resignations were accepted. Craig Fisher resigned as the varsity boys baseball coach and Dick O'Day resigned as the girls varsity basketball coach.

Miss Spirit of Blossomtime pageant set for Saturday

By HP STAFF

ST. JOSEPH — The 2020 Miss Spirit of Blossomtime Pageant will take place this Saturday, Blossomtime officials announced.

The pageant starts at 5 p.m. at the St. Joseph High School auditorium.

The Miss Spirit of Blossomtime is open to all Blossomtime communities first runner-ups, and therefore offers one more lady an opportunity to take part in the many events and activities her sister queens will participate in.

Nineteen contestants will compete for the title of Miss Spirit 2020. Doors open at 4 p.m., with tickets available at the Blossomtime office (269-982-8016) for $15 until Friday. After that the door price is $20.

The pageant winner will go on to compete in the Showcase of Queens awards at the Mr. Blossomtime and Showcase of Queens Pageant on Sunday, March 15, and is eligible to win the Bob Braamse Community Service award, the Queen's Legacy scholarship and the title of Miss Blossomtime, which will be awarded Monday, March 16, at Lake Michigan College's Mendel Center.

IN BRIEF

Teen arrested after chase in Lawrence

LAWRENCE — A 17-year-old Lawrence boy was arrested Wednesday morning after allegedly leading police on a chase in a stolen vehicle, crashing and escaping on foot.

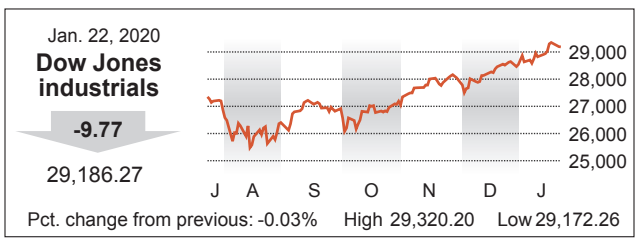
The Van Buren County Sheriff's Office reported in a news release that the boy, whose name was not released pending arraignment, faces charges of motor vehicle theft, fleeing and eluding police, resisting arrest and no valid drivers license.

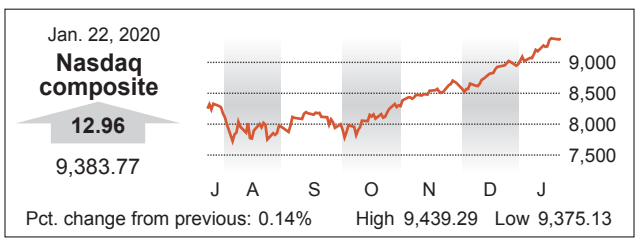
Early Wednesday morning, a car was reported stolen and soon after a deputy patrolling in Lawrence saw the car traveling southbound on Paw Paw Street approaching Corwin Road, according to the release.

After the deputy tried to stop the vehicle, the boy drove away, lost control of the vehicle and crashed. He then fled on foot and a Michigan State Police K-9 unit was brought in to track him, the news release said.

He was found in a nearby mobile home and surrendered a short time later. He, along with his 18-year-old brother, are both suspected in multiple motor vehicle thefts and larcenies from motor vehicles in the Lawrence area, which police say they are still investigating.

MARKETS





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AEP	AEP	76.30	99.85	100.00	+.66	+0.7	▲	▲	▲
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Worthgtn	WOR	33.18	44.69	39.41	-.16	-0.4	▼	▼	▼
XPO Logis	XPO	45.73	96.20	93.57	+1.03	+1.1	▼	▲	▲

WAYLAND LIVESTOCK

Wayland Livestock sales of Tuesday, Jan. 21. Prices are per pound.

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Canner & cutter cows ..... 38 cents-53 cents
Bulls..... 60 cents-825 cents
Top bull calves ..... 35 cents-70 cents
Hay.....$2.50-$6.50 per bale
Straw .....$4.00-$4.30 per bale

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Online sports betting in Mich. will wait until 2021

By DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

LANSING — Sports bettors should be able to place wagers in person at casinos this spring but will wait until 2021 to do so online, Michigan's regulatory agency said Wednesday.

Mary Kay Bean, spokeswoman for the Michigan Gaming Control Board, gave the update about a month after Gov. Gretchen Whitmer signed laws legalizing internet gambling and sports betting. Bean estimated it will take a year to write and finalize rules so three commercial casinos in Detroit and 24 tribal casinos can obtain mobile sports bettor operating licenses.

Regulations for online gambling and daily fantasy sports sites will also take about a year.

Bean said the agency's goal is to authorize onsite sports wagering at the Detroit casinos in the spring. It was the first time regulators issued a timeline, after lawmakers had said they hoped betting could begin in time for the NCAA men's basketball tournament in March.

"We are at a very early stage of this process," Bean said. "The agency must establish several sets of administrative rules, which pass through many levels of review. The timing of implementation depends not only on our agency but also on decisions other departments, agencies and the Legislature make along the way."

In October, MGM Grand Detroit opened a $6 million sports bar that will add betting windows and self-service kiosks once regulators sign off.

"Timing will depend on how quickly we receive applications, can approve the casinos' internal controls and are able to issue required licenses," Bean said.

She said the board is not involved with in-person sports betting at the tribal casinos across western and northern Michigan, but tribes can get a license for mobile sports wagering while platform providers and other suppliers working with the tribes will need a license.

Mike Bean is the CEO of Saginaw Chippewa Gaming Enterprises, which has two casinos in Mount Pleasant and a third in Standish. He said he anticipates moving "relatively quickly" to gain approval for onsite sports wagering from the tribe's gaming commission. Betting could begin in two to three months, he said, noting that the Soaring Eagle Casino in Mount Pleasant opened a new sports bar in 2018 knowing that sports betting was a possibility.

The plan is to offer sports wagering at all three locations, he said.

Mike Bean said the state's timeline tracks with what he had been hearing. He had been optimistic that the mobile option may be ready in six months but described the year time frame as typical.

"We view sports betting as another nice entity that will drive more people to our property," he said, adding that online wagers will be an option for those who cannot travel there. "Our biggest question right now is when is it all going to be ready?"

Some gambling and technology executives have estimated that 90 percent of sports betting in the U.S. will be done over mobile phones or the internet in the next five to 10 years. In New Jersey, where online sportsbooks were launched in 2018, more than 80 percent of sports bets are placed over the internet.

John Raoux / AP

Elon Musk, founder, CEO, and chief engineer/designer of SpaceX, speaks during a news conference Jan. 19 at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Fla. The meteoric rise of Tesla shares that pushed the company's value over $100 billion could turn into a supercharged payday for Musk.

Tesla passes $100 billion, teeing up big payout for Musk

DETROIT (AP) — The meteoric rise of Tesla shares that recently pushed the company's value over $100 billion could turn into a supercharged payday for CEO Elon Musk.

Stock in Tesla Inc. rose another 4.1 percent Wednesday, pushing the market value of the electric vehicle and solar panel maker past a critical milestone in Musk's pay package. He could get a stock options package worth over $371 million.

Tesla shares closed at $569.56 on Wednesday, giving the company a market capitalization of $102.7 billion.

Shares have tripled in value since May, meaning Tesla's market capitalization now exceeds the value of Ford and General Motors, combined.

For Musk, hitting $100 billion in market value triggers an option to buy 1.69 million shares of Tesla stock for $350.02 per share. If he sells the shares, he would make just over $371 million.

But for the options to vest, the market capitalization has to average above $100 billion for the next six months, and it has to be above $100 billion for the next 30 business days, according to the compensation packages detailed in company filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

Musk could get more stock payouts for every additional $50 billion increase in market capitalization. By meeting ambitious market capitalization and operational milestones, he could earn more than $50 billion over the next decade if that value hits $650 billion.

In the third quarter, Tesla posted a surprising $143 million profit, raising hopes that the company, which also makes battery storage units, could finally be turning the corner to profitability.

But Tesla has posted mostly losses during its first decade as a publicly held company, and it lost $1.1 billion during the first half of last year. The company reports fourth-quarter results on Jan. 29.

Earlier this year the company said it delivered a record of about 112,000 vehicles in the fourth quarter and about 367,500 for the full year in 2019.

Tesla, based in Palo Alto, California, had earlier projected deliveries of between 360,000 and 400,000 units worldwide.

Also, on Wednesday, the state of Michigan confirmed that Tesla had reached a lawsuit settlement allowing it to sell and service vehicles in the state.

STATE BRIEFS

Detroit's Atwater brewery makes deal with Molson Coors

DETROIT (AP) — Detroit's largest brewery is being acquired by an international beer giant.

Atwater Brewery, which makes beer just a few blocks from the Detroit River, said Wednesday it's struck a deal with Tenth and Blake Beer, the craft beer arm of Molson Coors Beverage Co.

"Atwater has been a staple and a leader in the Michigan craft community for more than two decades, and we're thrilled to have them join Tenth and Blake," says Paul Verdu, vice president of Tenth and Blake.

Atwater produced more than 23,000 barrels in 2019 and is known for a wheat ale, Dirty Blonde, as well as Vanilla Java Porter.

Atwater owner Mark Rieth and his team will continue to run daily operations.

Eastern Michigan pays $125,000 to settle Title IX lawsuit

YPSILANTI (AP) — Eastern Michigan University will pay two female student athletes a combined $125,000 to settle a lawsuit that accused the university of discrimination when it eliminated their softball and tennis teams in 2018.

Former EMU softball player Ariana Chretien will receive a $100,000 payment, and the remaining $25,000 will go to tennis player Marie Mayerova. The university will also pay the athletes' legal fees.

The pair sued EMU in June 2018 after it decided to eliminate women's softball and tennis, and men's wrestling and swimming and diving because of budget cuts. The university has already reinstated tennis. Softball, Chretien's team, will not return.

LOCKED-IN

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Monetary support has been pouring in. By the middle of January the fund had raised more than $14,000.

"Alan is a friend and coworker of mine," wrote Danny, who donated. " As a fellow veteran, we have to stick together in trying times, giving love and support to those who have sacrificed so much to be there by our sides like his family has been for him. Get well soon, brother."

Alan, who served in Iraq, is now at Chicago's Shirley Ryan AbilityLab – a nationally ranked physical medicine and rehabilitation research hospital, which has worked with patients who suffer from locked–in syndrome.

His wife is spending as much time as she can at the hospital and is relying heavily on her family to keep the couple's children's schedule as normal as possible.

"The kids are doing great at the moment but miss their daddy dearly," she said. The children have been up to the hospital a handful of times, she added, and the couple's oldest daughter has moved back home to care for her siblings while mom is with dad. Catina is relying heavily on her faith which she said has kept her going.

"When people ask what they can do to help, my response is 'just pray,'" she said. "There is nothing more powerful than prayer."

The GoFundMe page is at: www.gofundme.com/f/alan-quinn-lis-lockedin-syndrome.

WECYCLE

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Edwards started picking up trash again after city commissioners agreed to an advanced payment to the company.

'Personal squabbles'

The future of Wecycle remains in question, as the three people who claim ownership battle for control of the company.

Huddleston and Allen notified the city in January, through a letter, that the third owner, Edwards, no longer has permission to do business on behalf of the company or to pick up the company's checks from the city.

Edwards previously said he had never seen the letter and didn't know what it was about.

Benton Harbor Commissioner Ron Singleton said the decision by the prosecutor doesn't affect the city.

"I always felt that it was an internal problem, not necessarily a criminal one," Singleton said in a phone interview with The Herald-Palladium. "We didn't want to get involved with any personal squabbles. Our main concern is that the trash gets picked up."

The city sent out request for proposals for trash service to start when the Wecycle contract expires in October.

The RFPs were due Jan. 7.

The results of the RFPs have not been made public as the city considers possibly picking up its own trash.

Singleton said he does not know how many companies submitted bids for the city's trash service or whether Wecycle was among the bidders.

Interim City Manager Ellis Mitchell could not be reached for comment Wednesday.

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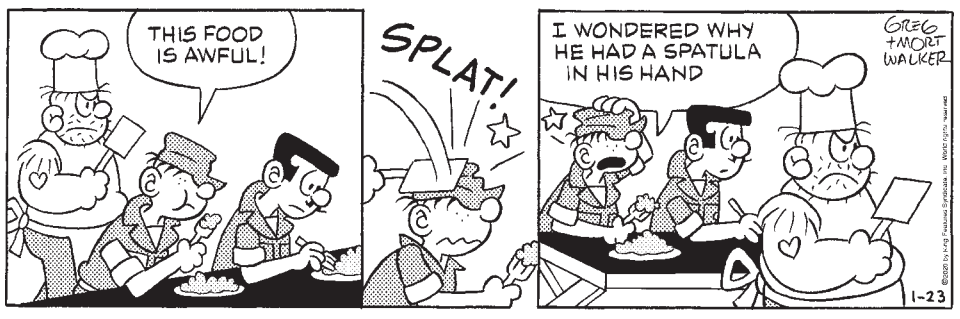
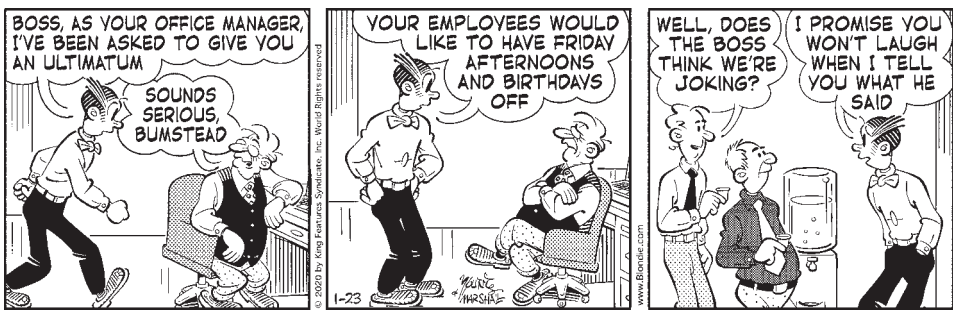


BLONDIE


BOSS, AS YOUR OFFICE MANAGER, I'VE BEEN ASKED TO GIVE YOU AN ULTIMATUM
SOUNDS SERIOUS, BUMSTEAD
YOUR EMPLOYEES WOULD LIKE TO HAVE FRIDAY AFTERNOONS AND BIRTHDAYS OFF
1-23
WELL, DOES THE BOSS THINK WE'RE JOKING?
I PROMISE YOU WON'T LAUGH WHEN I TELL YOU WHAT HE SAID

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane

FATHER HUBBARD
Hubbard cupboard poor dog a bone.
When she got there The cupboard was bare And so her poor dog had none.
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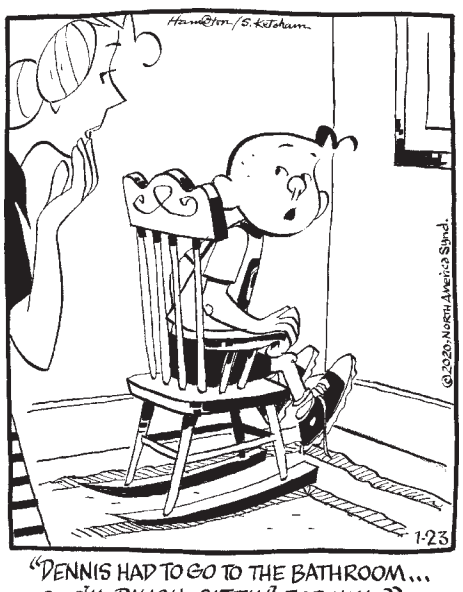
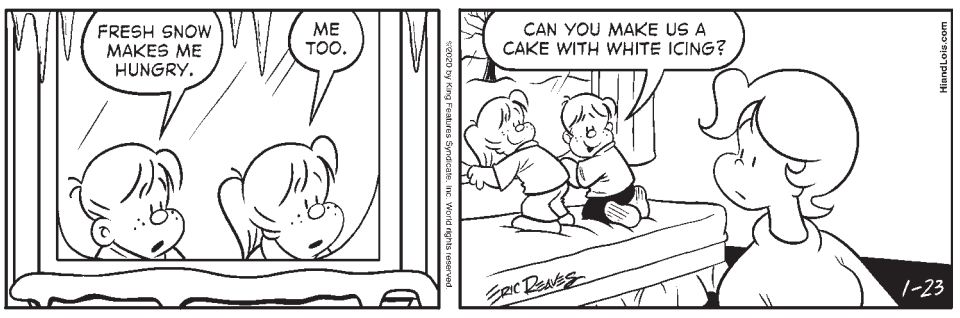
"Wait a minute. 'Bone' doesn't rhyme with 'none.'"

DENNIS THE MENACE

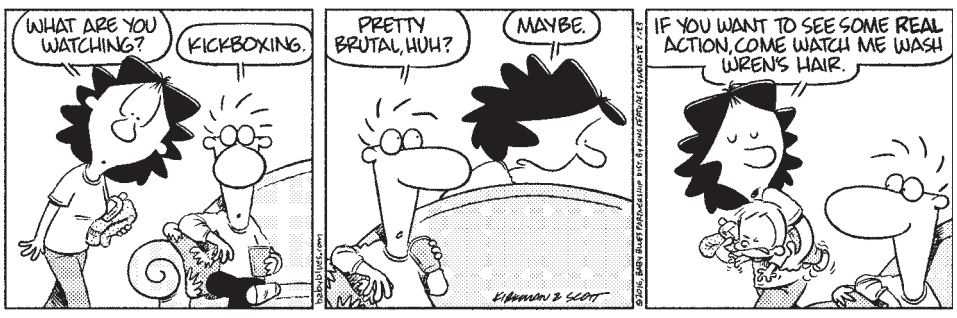


"DENNIS HAD TO GO TO THE BATHROOM... SO I'M PINCH-SITTIN' FOR HIM."

HI & LOIS



BABY BLUES


WHAT ARE YOU WATCHING?
KICKBOXING.
PRETTY BRUTAL, HUH?
MAYBE.
IF YOU WANT TO SEE SOME REAL ACTION, COME WATCH ME WASH WREN'S HAIR.

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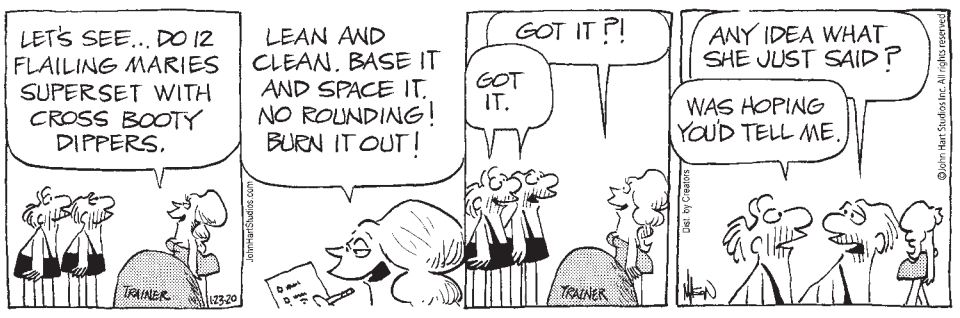
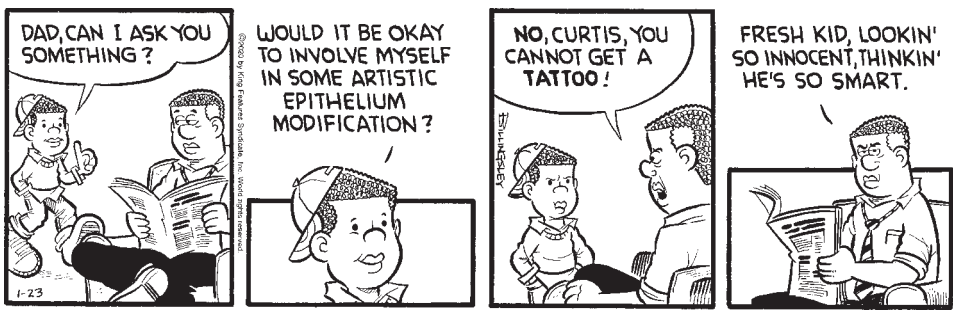
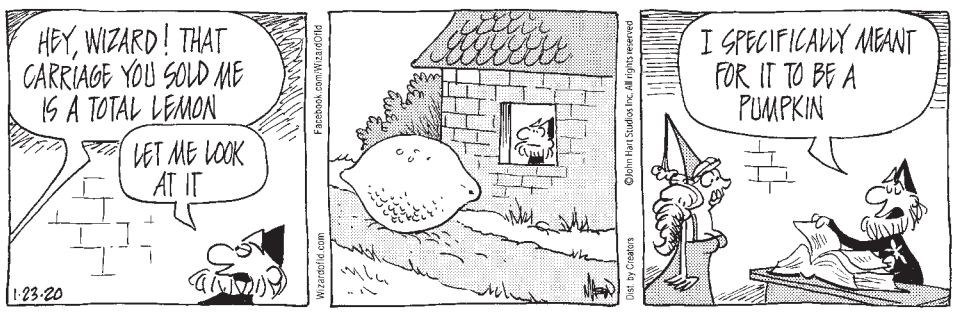

LET'S SEE.. DO 12 FLAILING MARIES SUPERSET WITH CROSS BOOTY DIPPERS.
TRAINER
1-23-20
LEAN AND CLEAN. BASE IT AND SPACE IT. NO ROUNDING! BURN IT OUT!
GOT IT?!
GOT IT.
TRAINER
ANY IDEA WHAT SHE JUST SAID?
WAS HOPING YOU'D TELL ME.

CURTIS


DAD, CAN I ASK YOU SOMETHING?
1-23
WOULD IT BE OKAY TO INVOLVE MYSELF IN SOME ARTISTIC EPITHELIUM MODIFICATION?
NO, CURTIS, YOU CANNOT GET A TATTOO!
FRESH KID, LOOKIN' SO INNOCENT, THINKIN' HE'S SO SMART.

WIZARD OF ID



ZITS

HA! HA! HEE! HEE! HAHAHAHA!
(SNIFF!)
THIS REMINDS ME OF APRIL 2, 2017, AT AROUND FOUR IN THE AFTERNOON!
YOU KEEP TRACK OF ALL MY GOOD MOODS?
SINCE YOU HIT PUBERTY, THEY'RE PRETTY RARE.
1-23

DILBERT

I DONATED TO A FEW POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS, AND COINCIDENTALLY A LAW CHANGED THAT I WANTED CHANGED.
DILBERT.COM @SCOTTADAMSSAYS
NOW IT'S LEGAL FOR US TO SELL DRONES THAT ARE ARMED WITH MACHINE GUNS.
I'VE NEVER HAD LESS FAITH IN MY GOV-ERNMENT.
I ALSO GOT US A TAX BREAK.
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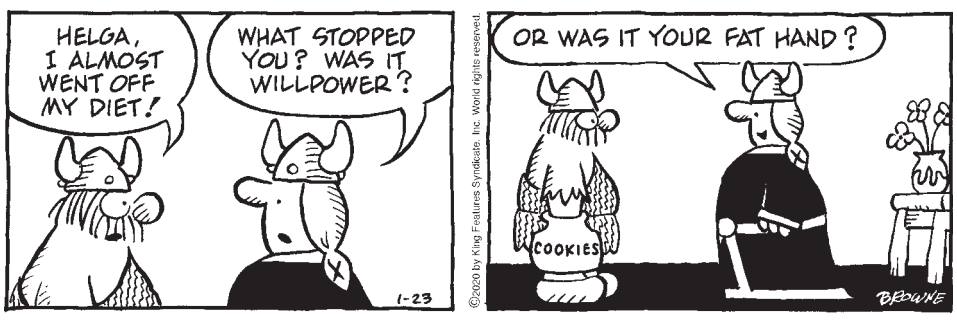
HAGAR THE HORRIBLE


HELGA, I ALMOST WENT OFF MY DIET!
WHAT STOPPED YOU? WAS IT WILLPOWER?
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OR WAS IT YOUR FAT HAND?
COOKIES
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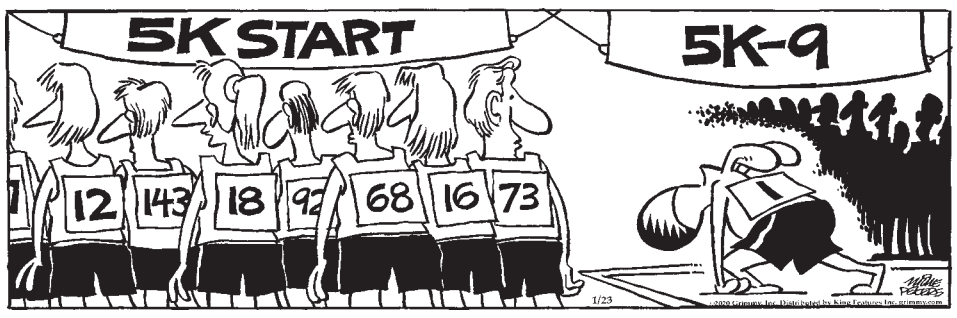
GARFIELD

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM



FORT KNOX

KURT THE BULLY IS WRITING POETRY.
THAT'S STRANGE.
NO, IT ISN'T... HAVEN'T YOU EVER WRITTEN POETRY FOR MOM?
KIND OF.
WHAT DID YOU WRITE ABOUT?
A GIRL FROM NANTUCKET.
SLO JOE
SAY MY NAME
TUMS
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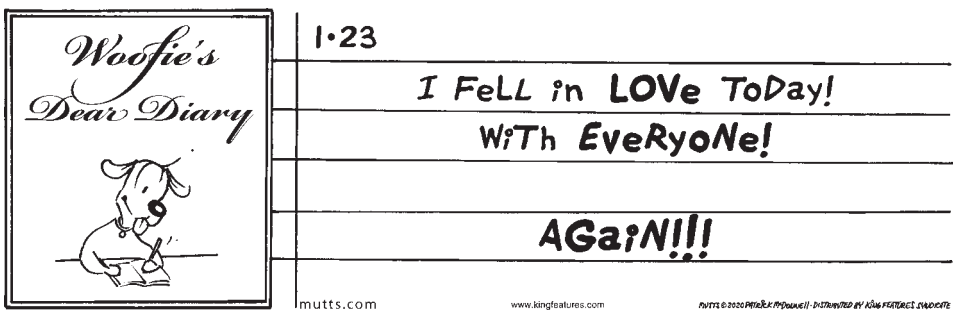
MUTTS



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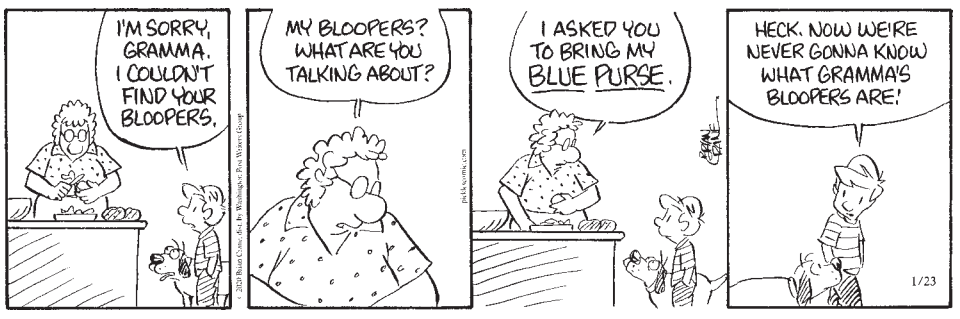
I'M SORRY, GRAMMA. I COULDN'T FIND YOUR BLOOPERS.
MY BLOOPERS? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
I ASKED YOU TO BRING MY BLUE PURSE.
HECK. NOW WE'RE NEVER GONNA KNOW WHAT GRAMMA'S BLOOPERS ARE!
1/23

SALLY FORTH

I'M RUNNING LATE! HELP ME FIND MY KEYS! JUST GIVE ME YOUR KEYS! TOSS ME ANY KEYS!
1-23
WAIT, WHERE ARE MY KEYS? AND I THOUGHT YOUR YOGA CLASS WAS ONLY 15 MINUTES AWAY.
YEAH, BUT I HAVE TO GET THERE LIKE 45 MINUTES EARLY IF I WANT A PARKING SPOT! AND A GOOD MAT SPOT IN CLASS! AND, UH, A THIRD THING!
KEEFE
SAL, IT'S GOING TO BE-
SOMEONE CARVE ME A NEW SET OF KEYS!
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Next Week: It's primary season!

Fantastic Lights

photo by Alison Tomlin

Mini Fact:
Auroras are usually made of blue-green light, although sometimes the light is pink, purple or red.

Imagine looking up and seeing bright, colorful streamers of light waving in the night sky. These waves of colored light in the north are called the **aurora borealis** (uh-ROAR-uh bore-ee-AH-lus), or the **northern lights**.

If you live in or have visited the far north of America, in Alaska or Canada, you may have seen the aurora borealis during the dark winter nights. In the summer, the night sky is usually too light for the colors to stand out.

People in northern countries such as Norway often see the northern lights. The farther south you are, the less likely you are to see them. But every once in a while, when conditions are right, people as far south as Los Angeles can see the glow of the aurora.

Polar aurora

The aurora light shows appear near both poles. Aurora borealis is Latin for "northern dawn." In the south it is called **aurora australis**, or "southern dawn." Few people get to see the aurora australis, however, because it usually shines above Antarctica.

photo courtesy NASA

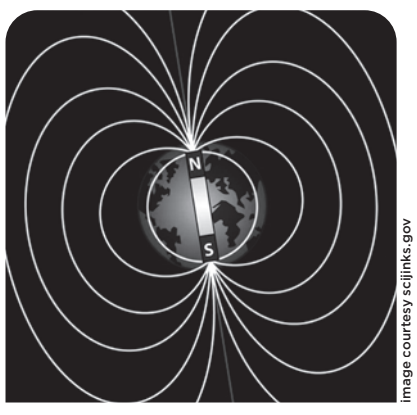
When an aurora is seen from space, it often looks like a circle around one of the poles.

Auroras can be giant light shows stretching for thousands of miles up and down the sky. The light usually appears near the horizon. The polar auroras may shine anywhere from 60 to 600 miles above the Earth.

Setting the stage

There are two main ingredients needed to make polar auroras:

1. the magnetic field around the Earth, and
2. the magnetic field around the sun.



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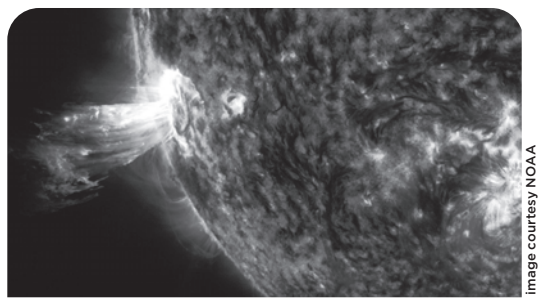
When something is **magnetic**, it is attracted to something else. A magnetic field is like an invisible force field surrounding a body such as a planet or the sun.

Experts believe the Earth's magnetic force field is created this way:

- In the middle of the Earth there is iron rock. It is so hot that it is liquid.
- The Earth rotates, moving the liquid iron around.
- When the liquid iron moves, it creates electrical currents.
- When the electrical current moves, it produces the magnetic field.



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Magnetic field

The magnetic field is like a bubble surrounding the Earth. It turns the Earth into a giant magnet.

The sun has its own magnetic bubble surrounding it. When the sun's bubble is blown outward, it sends out a stream of electrically charged particles toward Earth. This blowing stream is called the **solar wind**.

A solar production

Sometimes a big magnetic bubble is blown loose from the sun. The magnetic bubble can slam into the Earth's atmosphere at a million miles per hour.

When this hits the atmosphere, it creates waves in the Earth's magnetic field. These waves hit charged particles already trapped in our magnetic field. These crashing particles create waves of light.

If there is a lot of activity in the sun, the incoming bubble can squash the Earth's magnetic field. Light from the aurora borealis can then be pushed south so the aurora is visible much farther from the North Pole.

Resources

On the Web:
- go.nasa.gov/2YxNOdV
- bit.ly/MPnorthernlights

At the library:
- "Natural Phenomena: Northern Lights" by Ben McClanahan

Try 'n' Find

Words that remind us of the northern lights are hidden in this puzzle. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find:

ATMOSPHERE, AURORA, AUSTRALIS, BLUE, BOREALIS, COLOR, DAWN, EARTH, FIELD, GREEN, IRON, LIGHTS, LIQUID, MAGNETIC, NORTHERN, POLE, SOLAR, SOUTH, SUN, WIND.

B	O	R	E	A	L	I	S	N	E	E	R	G	C	F
N	O	R	T	H	E	R	N	S	B	L	U	E	A	I
L	Q	H	N	S	U	N	C	I	Y	A	P	L	X	R
C	H	T	R	A	E	S	W	I	A	R	O	R	U	A
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E	R	E	H	P	S	O	M	T	A	E	E	X	N	O
J	M	I	R	O	N	F	I	E	L	D	N	M	I	U
A	D	I	U	Q	I	L	P	D	A	W	N	G	W	T
B	S	O	L	A	R	S	C	O	L	O	R	U	A	H
V	A	U	S	T	R	A	L	I	S	S	H	A	U	M

Cook's Corner

Chili With Black Beans

You'll need:
- 2 pounds lean ground beef
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 3 garlic cloves, peeled and chopped
- 2 tablespoons chili powder
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 cup beef broth
- 1 (15-ounce) can tomato sauce
- 1 (6-ounce) can tomato paste
- 1 (15-ounce) can black beans, drained and rinsed

What to do:
1. Brown ground beef in a large skillet; pour off fat. Set aside.
2. Heat oil in large pot; add onions and cook until tender. Add garlic; cook another minute.
3. Add spices, stir and cook for 1 minute to blend well. Add broth, tomato sauce, tomato paste and cooked ground beef. Heat to boiling; stir in beans.
4. Reduce heat to low; cover and simmer for 20 minutes. Serves 6.

* You'll need an adult's help with this recipe.

ROOTONYM®

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1. To shine with steady light (4-letter verb) ☐☐☐☐
2. Having the look of; painted, bright (8-letter adjective) ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐
3. Condition of air; wet, stormy, warm or cold (7-letter noun) ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐
4. Natural scenery and surroundings (8-letter adjective) ☐☐☐☐☐☐

Study the definition. When you know the missing word, fill in the letter boxes and the sentence blanks.

1. Marcia looked at the pink and yellow _____ in the sky.
2. Joey dislikes the _____ bruise on his left knee.
3. Josephine heard the _____ will be cold and snowy.
4. Bobby likes _____ and often hikes to see songbirds.

Answers: Glow, Colorful, Weather, Nature.

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Mini Jokes

Norm: What does planet Earth use to go fishing?
Nelly: The North and South Poles!

Eco Note

Let's talk about air. On a clear breezy day, the air smells fresh and clean. Clean air is air that has no harmful levels of **pollutants** (dirt and chemicals) in it. Clean air is good for people to breathe. On a hot day with no wind, the air can feel heavy and have a bad smell. Once in a while, the air can even make your chest feel tight, or make you cough. When too much dirt and chemicals get into the air, the air is dirty or polluted. Dirty air is not good for people to breathe, and sometimes you can even see it: It looks brown and hazy.

adapted from airnow.gov

For later:

Look in your newspaper for reports about the northern lights being visible.

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Super Bowl could be more fun without Patriots

Tim Dahlberg

Finally, the Super Bowl might be fun again.

No more scowling Bill Belichick, angry as always under his hoodie.

No more sly smiles and phony platitudes from Tom Brady.

No talk about Spygate; no worries about deflated footballs.

And no more speculation about just what New England owner Robert Kraft might be up to.

For the first time in four years, the Patriots will be sitting at home when the NFL championship is decided. And, really, on the 100th anniversary of the NFL, that should be reason enough to celebrate.

They are already excited at sports books around the country, where hundreds of millions of dollars will exchange hands Super Bowl Sunday. They should be excited at Fox network headquarters, too, for a Super Bowl matchup that is really Super this year.

Pick a winner if you can. But sports fans across America – with the exception of a little slice of the Northeast – are already winners before the Kansas City Chiefs and San Francisco 49ers even arrive in Miami.

"I know a lot of people are happy to not see the Patriots in the game," said Jay Kornegay, who runs the Westgate Las Vegas Superbook. "Patriot fatigue won't be a factor this year, that's for sure."

If fans are tired of the Patriots, it's with good reason.

They've been one half of the Super Bowl for nine of the past 18 years. They've won six of them, making the Patriots a modern-day dynasty that rivals – or surpasses – some of the greatest runs in sports.

They're the New York Yankees of another era except, of course, the Yankees didn't cheat.

Like all dynasties, though, this one appears ready to be shut down. Brady is getting old and so is Belichick's bullying act, and the sense of urgency when it comes to the big prize has long since vanished.

There's even a chance Brady might end up in another uniform somewhere next year (Las Vegas perhaps?), lured in free agency by a team desperate for star power. Even at the age of 42 he still may have another Super Bowl in that magical right arm.

And that's fine. We've certainly seen enough of the Pats.

Enough of Brady taking an ever-changing cast to the game, only to have to find a way to win it himself. Enough of Belichick dismissively answering even the most basic questions like he was being asked to give away his first-born child.

Enough of Kraft pretending the Patriots don't cheat, even writing his defense on an airplane napkin while headed toward yet another Super Bowl.

They did cheat, of course, which taints this dynasty unlike any other. Spygate itself might have

See **DAHLBERG**, page C3

Michigan falls at home to Penn State

By NOAH TRISTER
Associated Press

Penn State 72 Michigan 63

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Lamar Stevens started scoring right away. Then Curtis Jones arrived in the second half and helped Penn State hold on for an impressive road win.

Now coach Patrick Chambers wishes his team could play again soon.

"I'm almost disappointed that we have a week off here," Chambers said. "I think we're starting to play our best basketball heading into February, and now we have some time off."

The Nittany Lions don't play again until the middle of next week, but that gives them a little extra time to enjoy their latest victory. Stevens scored 14 of his 19 points in the first half, and Penn State was in control for most of the game in a 72-63 victory over Michigan on Wednesday night.

Curtis Jones scored 18 points – all in the second half – and Myreon Jones added 16 for the Nittany Lions, who handed Michigan its third straight loss. Penn State led by nine at halftime and extended its advantage into double digits soon after that.

Zavier Simpson led Michigan with 18 points, but the Wolverines (11-7, 2-5 Big Ten) made just three of their first 21 shots from the field in the second half.

See **WOLVERINES**, page C3

Paul Sancya / AP

Michigan guard Zavier Simpson and Penn State guard Myles Dread battle for a loose ball in the first half of Wednesday's game.

Don Campbell / HP staff

Brandywine's Ivory McCullough defeats Berrien Springs' Nick Gunn during their 171-pound match Wednesday at Berrien Springs.

Mat sweeps

Buchanan, Brandywine win twice at Berrien Springs double dual

By MAXWELL HARDEN
HP Sports Writer

BERRIEN SPRINGS – The Buchanan and Brandywine wrestling teams took care of business Wednesday in double dual action at Berrien Springs.

The Bucks edged Lawrence 42-36 and beat Berrien Springs 60-12, while the Bobcats defeated Berrien Springs 72-3 and Lawrence 65-17.

See **WRESTLING**, page C2

Don Campbell / HP staff

Buchanan's Walker Barz faces Lawrence's Mack Cartwright during their 125-pound match Wednesday at Berrien Springs High School. Cartwright won the match.

Eli Manning retires after 16 seasons

By TOM CANAVAN
Associated Press

MANNING

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Eli Manning, who led the New York Giants to two Super Bowls in a 16-year career that saw him set almost every team passing record, has retired.

The Giants said Wednesday that Manning would formally announce his retirement on Friday.

The recently turned 39-year-old's future had been in doubt since the end of the season. Manning's contract with the Giants expired after the 4-12 season and there was little chance he would be returning after losing his long-time starting job to rookie Daniel Jones.

Manning said he wanted to think about his future after the season and roughly three weeks after the season ended he decided his career was over.

"For 16 seasons, Eli Manning defined what it is to be a New York Giant both on and off the field," John Mara, the Giants' president and chief executive officer said in a statement.

"Eli is our only two-time Super Bowl MVP and one of the very best players in our franchise's history. He represented our franchise as a consummate professional with dignity and accountability. It meant something to Eli to be the Giants quarterback, and it meant even more to us. We are beyond grateful for his contributions to our organization and look forward to celebrating his induction into the Giants Ring of Honor in the near future."

The Giants acquired Manning from San Diego on draft day in 2004 after the Ole Miss quarterback told the Chargers he did not want to play for them and forced the deal that general manager Ernie Accorsi gladly accepted.

It started a major turnaround for a team that was 4-12 the previous season.

Manning replaced Hall of Famer Kurt Warner as the starter for then-new coach Tom Coughlin after nine games. They won the NFC East the following season.

Within three seasons, the Giants won their first NFL

See **MANNING**, page C3

Jeter, Walker take different routes to Hall

By RONALD BLUM
AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK — Derek Jeter and Larry Walker rarely crossed paths during their time in the major leagues.

"There was one time in the Bahamas, playing blackjack, that we sat down for a little while with Matt Damon, and we sat there and played for a little while," Walker recalled of a gambling evening where athletes and thespians mixed.

A baseball odd couple, they sat on the dais in a penthouse hotel ballroom, baseball's newly minted Hall of Famers.

Jeter, a first-round draft pick, came within one vote of becoming the second unanimous pick.

Walker, a youth hockey player who took up baseball at age 16, was elected in his 10th and final try on the baseball writers' ballot, making it with just six votes more than the 75 percent required.

Finding out his plaque in Cooperstown will be adjacent to bronze of Yankees teammate Mariano Rivera, the first unanimous pick in a writers' vote, Jeter revealed some emotion.

"I don't care where they put they put me – put me in the restroom," he said. "But to be next to Mo is quite a thrill."

As always Mr. Cool, Jeter was unassuming, humble, collected and quick with a quip to deflect. Walker was more raw as they told stories of their passage from amateurs to elite: Of the 19,960 players to appear in a major league game, they will be Nos. 234 and 235 inducted to the Hall, according to its tally, including 134 chosen by the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

"It doesn't get any better than this," Jeter said. "There's no more awards. There's no other place you can go. This is it."

Walker, like Jeter, put on the cream-colored Hall of Fame jersey. When he took the phone call Tuesday informing him of election, he was wearing a garish yellow-and-black SpongeBob

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IN BRIEF

Rose, Jackson help Pistons rout Kings

DETROIT (AP) — Derrick Rose scored 22 points and Reggie Jackson added 22 points in his return to Pistons lineup, as Detroit beat Sacramento 127-106 on Wednesday night and dealt the Kings their sixth straight loss.

Jackson missed 42 games since leaving the second game of the season with a back injury. He made a floater on his first attempt and played well in his 19 minutes off the bench, shooting 8 of 14 and handling out four assists.

Rose scored 20 or more points for the 10th straight game, tying the career high he set in 2010-11, his MVP season in Chicago. He also eclipsed 11,000 career points and added 11 assists.

Christian Wood scored 23 points, and Svi Mykhailiuk added 13 points off the bench, the 11th time in 12 games that he's scored in double figures.

De'Aaron Fox had 22 points, and Bogdan Bogdanovic added 19 points for the Kings, who shot 12 of 23 from the line (52.2 percent).

LaVine, Bulls beat Timberwolves

CHICAGO (AP) — Zach LaVine scored 25 points, Lauri Markkanen added 21 and the Chicago Bulls overcame a big performance by Karl-Anthony Towns to beat the Minnesota Timberwolves 117-110 on Wednesday night.

LaVine had seven points in the final 2:25 to help Chicago pull out the win after letting a 19-point lead in the second quarter slip away.

His 3-pointer with 1:23 remaining put the Bulls ahead for good at 111-108. LaVine then hit two free throws with 26 seconds left. Kris Dunn sank four more foul shots and the Bulls came out on top after losing nine of 12.

Towns scored a season-high 40 points, but the Timberwolves lost their seventh straight.

LaVine, pushing for a spot in the All-Star Game next month in Chicago, hit three 3-pointers. Markkanen nailed four from beyond the arc. Luke Kornet scored 15 to match a season high, and Cristiano Felicio added 12 points and 10 rebounds.

Red Wings drop 6th straight game

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Eric Staal and Mats Zuccarello each had a goal and assist, and Devan Dubnyk stopped 25 shots as the Minnesota Wild beat the Detroit Red Wings 4-2 on Wednesday night.

Jordan Greenway and Jason Zucker also scored for Minnesota, which enters the All-Star break with three wins in four games. The streak comes in the midst of a season-high seven-game homestand that continues after this weekend's All-Star break.

Detroit's Filip Zadina was credited with two goals, his first NHL multi-goal game, but both came on deflections off a Wild player. Jimmy Howard had 29 saves for the Red Wings, who will head into their break having lost six in a row overall and eight straight on the road.

AIRWAVES

Television today

11:30 a.m. (Golf) **LPGA Tour Golf** Gainbridge at Boca Rio, First Round. (Live) CC
3:00 p.m. (Golf) **PGA Tour Golf** Farmers Insurance Open, First Round. (Live) CC
(NBCSports) **Premier League Soccer** Wolverhampton Wanderers FC vs Liverpool FC. (Live)
5:00 p.m. (NBCSports) **Figure Skating** U.S. Figure Skating Championships. Pairs' Short Program. (Live)
6:00 p.m. (Bigten) **Women's College Basketball** Indiana at Penn State. (Live) CC
(FoxDetroit) **Women's College Basketball** North Carolina at Georgia Tech. (Live)
6:30 p.m. (FS1) **College Basketball** Minnesota at Ohio State. (Live) CC
7:00 p.m. (ESPN) **Women's College Basketball** Tennessee at Connecticut. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Belmont at Murray State. (Live)
8:00 p.m. (Bigten) **Women's College Basketball** Ohio State at Iowa. (Live) CC
(FoxDetroit) **Women's College Basketball** Virginia at Louisville. (Live)
(TNT) **NBA Basketball** Los Angeles Lakers at Brooklyn Nets. (Live) CC
8:30 p.m. (FS1) **College Basketball** Michigan State at Indiana. (Live) CC
9:00 p.m. (ESPN2) **2020 Australian Open Tennis** Third Round. (Live) CC
(NBCSports) **Figure Skating** U.S. Figure Skating Championships. Ladies' Short Program. (Live)
10:00 p.m. (ESPN) **X Games** (Live)
10:30 p.m. (TNT) **NBA Basketball** Dallas Mavericks at Portland Trail Blazers. (Live) CC
11:00 p.m. (FS1) **College Basketball** UCLA at Oregon State. (Live) CC
2:30 a.m. (Golf) **European PGA Tour Golf** Omega Dubai Desert Classic, Second Round. (Live) CC
3:00 a.m. (ESPN2) **2020 Australian Open Tennis** Third Round. (Live) CC

Friday

11:30 a.m. (Golf) **LPGA Tour Golf** Gainbridge at Boca Rio, Second Round. (Live) CC
3:00 p.m. (Golf) **PGA Tour Golf** Farmers Insurance Open, Second Round. (Live) CC
5:00 p.m. (NBCSports) **Figure Skating** U.S. Figure Skating Championships. Rhythm Dance. (Live)
7:00 p.m. (Bigten) **College Wrestling** Penn State at Nebraska. (Live) CC
(FoxDetroit) **NBA Basketball** Memphis Grizzlies at Detroit Pistons. (Live)
(FS1) **College Basketball** Wisconsin at Purdue. (Live) CC
7:30 p.m. (ESPN2) **Women's College Gymnastics** LSU at Florida. (Live)
8:00 p.m. (5) (8) (16) **Figure Skating** U.S. Championships: Senior Ladies Free Skate. (Live)
(ESPN) **NBA Basketball** Los Angeles Clippers at Miami Heat. (Live)
(NBCSCH) **NBA Basketball** Sacramento Kings at Chicago Bulls. (Live)
(NBCSports) **2020 NHL Skills Competition** The NHL's most-skilled players will face off in the annual skills competition. (Live)
8:30 p.m. (26) **High School Basketball** Goose Creek at James Island. (Live)
9:00 p.m. (Bigten) **College Wrestling** Ohio State at Iowa. (Live) CC
(ESPN2) **2020 Australian Open Tennis** Third Round. (Live) CC
(FS1) **College Basketball** Marquette at Butler. (Live) CC
10:35 p.m. (ESPN) **X Games** (Live)
3:00 a.m. (ESPN2) **2020 Australian Open Tennis** Third Round. (Live) CC
3:30 a.m. (Golf) **European PGA Tour Golf** Omega Dubai Desert Classic, Third Round. (Live)

Radio today

8:30 p.m.
College basketball — Michigan State at Indiana (WCSY-FM, 103.7)

Friday

5:45 p.m.
High school basketball — Niles at Lakeshore doubleheader (WSJM-AM, 1400; WSJM-FM, 106.1)
7:15 p.m. — Allegan at South Haven (WCSY-FM, 103.7)

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Notre Dame edged by Syracuse

SOUTH BEND (AP) — Elijah Hughes scored 26 points and Syracuse continued to be at its best on the road with an 84-82 comeback victory over Notre Dame on Wednesday night.

Syracuse 84, Notre Dame 82

The Orange (12-7, 5-3) improved to 4-0 in Atlantic Coast Conference road play and won their fourth straight game overall.

The Fighting Irish (11-7, 2-5) remained winless in three ACC home games.

John Mooney scored 21 points and grabbed 13 rebounds. His 12th consecutive double-double breaks an 11-year-old Notre Dame record held by Luke Harangody.

The Irish, though, lost despite erasing a 13-point second-half deficit. They trailed 64-51 with 13 minutes, 47 seconds remaining, then took a one-point lead – 69-68 – with six minutes remaining.

The Orange won after trailing by as many as 11 points in the first half.

Joseph Girard III scored 15 points and grabbed nine rebounds for Syracuse. Bourama Sidibe added 12 points on 6 of 6 from the field and Buddy Boeheim scored 10.

Dane Goodwin scored 15 points off the bench for the Irish. T.J. Gibbs added 13 and Nate Laszewski 11.

Syracuse won after losing 88-87 at home to Notre Dame 19 days earlier.

Much like that first meeting, the rematch featured a blistering back-and-forth pace.

There were 16 lead changes this time after 18 in the previous matchup.

BIG PICTURE

Syracuse: The ACC has an unusually low three ranked teams right now – No. 5 Florida State, No. 6 Louisville and No. 8 Duke – but the surging Orange still have plenty of opportunities to make hay with the NCAA Tournament selection committee. Syracuse still plays all three ranked teams, with only the Blue Devils at home.

Notre Dame: The Irish, far more in scramble mode now than Syracuse, have three matchups left against top-10 clubs as well, including two against Florida State to go with a trip to Duke. Notre Dame still has the chance to turn committee heads, too.

UP NEXT

Syracuse: The Orange host Pittsburgh on Saturday in the first of two regular-season meetings with the Panthers.

Notre Dame: The Irish visit No. 5 Florida State on Saturday before following with a season-high three-straight league home games.

WRESTLING

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The match between Buchanan and Lawrence went down to the wire, with Buchanan's Caleb Sweeney earning the match-winning pin at 140 over Bailee Page in 44 seconds.

"I try to tell the kids that you never know who it's gonna be," Buchanan coach Andrew Riggs said. "Everyone has to be ready and know they could be put in a pressure situation like that. I was glad for him because he's one of our younger guys. He's improving."

Wednesday's sweep highlighted the progress Buchanan has made since the season began, though Riggs acknowledges there is plenty of room for improvement.

"We're super young but improvements are being made every day. As we go match to match, guys who were getting pinned at the beginning may still be getting beat, but they're not getting pinned. We're not quite there, but we're getting closer."

The Bobcats had the healthiest roster of the four teams present and earned 17 victories via forfeit. Ben McKee (189) and Ivory McCollough (171) were the only two Bobcats wrestled twice and both went 2-0 on the day.

"I was pleased with it," Brandywine coach Rex Pomranka said. "We've been up against some tough competition. It was good for some of our kids to get some confidence and we got two conference wins out of it."

Alexis Cox lost a tough match to Lawrence's Jack Mclemore via technical fall at 130.

"(Alexis) is wrestling up a weight class," Pomranka said. "She almost had him. She's starting to get confidence and I was really pleased with that. (Gonzalez) is doing well as a first-year junior and had a good match. Overall it was a good showing for us."

Berrien Springs only had three wrestlers participate in Wednesday's action. Ryan Gonzalez beat Brandywine's Cruz Sanchez 7-5 in overtime and Nick Gunn pinned Buchanan's Coy Weinberg in 30 seconds at 171.

"(Gonzalez) is doing really good," Berrien Springs coach Joe Melendez said. "He's a senior and he's looking really good. We expect him to do some good things for us this year."

While the season has been a learning process for the Shamrocks, help may be on the way. According to Melendez, the middle school wrestling team has 10 eighth-graders on the roster.

"We're going through the rebuilding process," he said. "Right now we're building up the junior high in order to establish a feeder program. We want to be better than we are, so we're doing something about it."

Don Campbell / HP staff

Berrien Springs' Ryan Gonzalez defeats Brandywine's Cruz Sanchez during their 215-pound match Wednesday.

BUCHANAN 42, LAWRENCE 36

125 – Schuman (L) p. Barz 4:42; 130 – Furst (BU) p. Cartwright 4:25; 135 – Starnes (BU) p. Mclemore 1:41; 140 – Sweeney (BU) p. Page 0:44; 145 – Edson (L) p. Fox 1:40; 171 – Rodriguez (L) p. Weinberg 0:35; Villanueva (L) p. Colgazier 3:17.

BUCHANAN 60, BERRIEN SPRINGS 12

171 – Gunn (BSp) p. Weinberg 0:30.

BRANDYWINE 72, BERRIEN SPRINGS 3

112 – Matthew Veach (BW) p. Shane Guffey 2:42; 171 – Ivory McCollough (BW) p. Nick Gunn 1:48; 215 – Ryan Gonzalez (BSp) d. Cruz Sanchez 7-5.

BRANDYWINE 65, LAWRENCE 17

119 – Aaron Lauri (BW) p. John Schuman 0:39; 125 – Mathew Cox (BW) t.f. William Cartwright 17-2; 130 – Jack Mclemore (L) t.f. Alexis Cox 19-3; 152 – Gage Hoskin (BW) p. Jacob Edson 1:10; 189 – Ben McKee (BW) p. Logan LaGrow 3:02; 285 – Juan Villanueva (L) p. Cruz Sanchez 0:18.

Mets pick Rojas as manager

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Mets are finalizing a multiyear agreement with quality control coach Luis Rojas to make him the team's manager, staying in-house to replace the ousted Carlos Beltrán, general manager Brodie Van Wagenen said Wednesday.

"I think it's the fit. It's where the team is. I think it's the culture we're trying to create," Van Wagenen said.

Rojas would take over for Beltrán, who left the Mets last week before managing a single game as part of the fallout from the Houston Astros' sign-stealing scandal.

The 38-year-old Rojas is the son of former Montreal Expos and San Francisco Giants manager Felipe Alou and the brother of ex-big leaguer Moises Alou.

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WRESTLING

LAKESHORE 68, PORTAGE NORTHERN 11

103 – Joseph Ramirez (L) p. Evan Stacy 0:17; 112 – Bailey De La Torre (L) 119 – Cameron Litaker (L) p. Jared Lovell 3:34; 125 – Jonathan Gelesko (L) p. Samantha Elder 0:06; 130 – Keanu Dickerson (L) p. Ammar Khaiara s.v. 12-10; 135 – Micah Hanau (L) t.f. David Lopez 18-3; 140 – Shane Williams (L) by forfeit; 145 – William Prowse (PN) t.f. Brock Streebeck 15-0; 152 – James Harris (L) p. Yazan Ghulzan 0:13; 160 – Daniel Vaughn (L) p. Kenyon Brock 1:01; 171 – Connor Noonan (L) p. Jet Toepfer 0:43; 189 – Diego Ayello p. Kyle McMaster 3:56; Zeke Rohl (L) by forfeit; 285 – Jadon McIntosh (PN) p. Malachi Bell 0:25.

NILES 39, MATTAWAN 35

103 – Thomas Nutter (M) p. Grace Wickler 1:12; 112 – Jamison Zimmerman (N) p. 0:41; 119 – Colby Klinger (M) m.d. Carson Landon 13-0; 125 – Cameron Sanderson (M) p. Blake Mann 3:01; 130 – Logan Lewandowski (M) d. James Pegan 5-2; 135 – Ryan Franco p. Sebastian Gleason 0:39; 140 – Javond Ball (N) p. Nathan Coons 1:16; 145 – Skylar Means (N) by forfeit; 152 – Connor Tibbitts (N) p. Antonio Castillo 0:24; 160 – Anthony Williamson (M) p. Kade Wagley 0:41; 171 – Griffin Drown (M) m.d. Jesus Magno-Garcia 17-0); 189 – James Campbell (M) p. Darian Sosa 2:46; 215 – Chase Andres (N) d. Justin West 7-5; 285 _ Caiden Smith (N) p. Aidan Calderon 3:02.

BOYS BOWLING

COLOMA 25.5, SCHOOLCRAFT 4.5

Team totals – Coloma 1,749, Schoolcraft 1,622
Baker Games – Coloma 174, Schoolcraft 127; Coloma 177, Schoolcraft 162
Coloma individuals (2 games) – Charlie Cullitan 248, Jonathan Swetay 412, Ryan Wilson 352.
Schoolcraft individuals (2 games) – Brian Crofoot 343, Josiah Stuwart 277, Zach McGill 306, Max Desmond 329, Kyle Fleck 367.

BOYS SWIMMING

ST. JOSEPH 98, PORTAGE NORTHERN 82

200 medley relay – Portage Northern (Ewan Tiongson, Allen Cotton, Treyton Gabrielson, Derek Halloran) 1:48.20; 200 freestyle – Ayden Moyer (SJ) 1:51.85; 200 IM – Cotton (PN) 2:02.28; 50 freestyle – Halloran (PN) 23.00; Diving – Tiongson (PN) 248.65; 100 freestyle – Ayden Moyer (SJ) 50. 12; 500 freestyle – Ashton Hack (PN) 5:30.47; 200 freestyle relay – Ayden Moyer, Jacob Haunhorst, Nathan Barfuss, Brandon Burrow (SJ) 1:36.81; 100 backstroke – Luke Crawford (SJ) 1:02.62; 100 breaststroke – Cotton (PN) 1:04.40; 400 freestyle relay – Portage Northern 3:35.34.

BOYS BASKETBALL

DECATUR 43, LAWRENCE 41

Decatur (43)
Ben Cerven 2 2-4 7, Hunter Slavings 6 2-2 14, Colin Warkentien 1 0-1 2, Roy Dear 3 3-4 11, Etan Makowski 1 3, Jake Mroczek 3 0-1 6. Totals: 16 7-12 43.
Lawrence (41)
Jacob Zapata 4 6-7 15, Brandon Lopez 4 2-2 11, Kaleb Smith 1 0-3 2, Lewis Williams 2 5, Bol Bak 3 1-1 7, Zach Payment 1-2 1. Totals: 14 10-15 41.

Decatur	**8**	**12**	**17**	**6**	**– 43**
Lawrence	**5**	**7**	**19**	**10**	**– 41**

3-point goals: Lawrence 3 (Zapata, Lopez, Williams), Decatur 4 (Dear 2, Cerven, Makowski) Totals fouls: Lawrence 15, Decatur 17. Technical Fouls: None.
Records — Decatur 2-7, Lawrence 3-7.

AREA SCHEDULE

Today
Girls basketball
Buchanan at Berrien Springs, 7
Comstock at Bridgman, 7:30
Lawrence at Michigan Lutheran, 7:30
Boys swimming
St. Joseph at Portage Northern, 6
Bridgman at Mattawan, 6
Friday
Boys basketball
Niles at Lakeshore, 7
St. Joseph at Portage Central, 7
Brandywine at Parchment, 7
Comstock at Bridgman, 7:15
Three Rivers at Dowagiac, 7:15
Allegan at South Haven, 7:15
Berrien Springs at Buchanan, 7:30
Lawrence at Michigan Lutheran, 7:30
Watervliet at Coloma, 7:30
River Valley at New Buffalo, 7:30
Girls basketball
Parchment at Brandywine, 5:30
St. Joseph at Portage Central, 5:45
Allegan at South Haven, 5:45
Niles at Lakeshore, 5:45
Three Rivers at Dowagiac, 5:45
New Buffalo at River Valley, 6
Watervliet at Coloma, 6
Hockey
Lakeshore-St. Joseph vs. South Bend St. Joseph (Ice Box, South Bend), 6:45

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	30	14	.682	—
Boston	29	14	.674	½
Phila.	29	17	.630	2
Brooklyn	18	24	.429	11
New York	12	33	.267	18½

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	31	13	.705	—
Orlando	21	24	.467	10½
Charlotte	15	30	.333	16½
Washington	14	29	.326	16½
Atlanta	11	34	.244	20½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	39	6	.867	—
Indiana	29	16	.644	10
Detroit	17	28	.378	22
Chicago	17	29	.370	22½
Cleveland	12	32	.273	26½

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	27	16	.628	—
Houston	27	16	.628	—
Memphis	20	24	.455	7½
San Antonio	19	23	.452	7½
New Orleans	17	27	.386	10½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	30	13	.698	—
Denver	30	14	.682	½
Oklahoma City	26	19	.578	5
Portland	19	26	.422	12
Minnesota	15	29	.341	15½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	35	9	.795	—
L.A. Clippers	31	14	.689	4½
Phoenix	18	26	.409	17
Sacramento	15	29	.341	20
Golden State	10	35	.222	25½

Tuesday's Games
L.A. Clippers 110, Dallas 107
Wednesday's Games
Oklahoma City 120, Orlando 114
Toronto 107, Phila. 95
Detroit 127, Sacramento 106
Atlanta 102, L.A. Clippers 95
L.A. Lakers 100, New York 92
Boston 119, Memphis 95
Miami 134, Washington 129, OT
Houston 121, Denver 105
Chicago 117, Minnesota 110
Indiana 112, Phoenix 87
San Antonio at New Orleans
Utah at Golden State
Today's Games
Washington at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Brooklyn, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Portland, 9:30 p.m.
Friday's Games
Milwaukee at Charlotte, 2 p.m.
Boston at Orlando, 6 p.m.
Memphis at Detroit, 6 p.m.
Toronto at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.
Denver at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Houston at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Miami, 7 p.m.
Sacramento at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Dallas at Utah, 4 p.m.
Brooklyn at Detroit, 6 p.m.
Chicago at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Phila., 7:30 p.m.

DETROIT 127, SACRAMENTO 106

SACRAMENTO (106)
Barnes 3-9 1-2 8, Bjelica 6-12 1-1 14, Dedmon 6-13 0-0 13, Fox 8-17 5-9 22, Hield 6-16 0-1 14, Bazemore 2-4 2-4 7, James 0-0 1-2 1, Jeffries 0-2 0-0 0, Tolliver 0-2 0-0 0, Giles III 1-2 1-2 3, Bogdanovic 8-17 0-0 19, Ferrell 1-3 0-0 2, Joseph 1-1 1-2 3. Totals 42-98 12-23 106.
DETROIT (127)
Morris 4-12 2-2 13, Snell 2-3 0-0 6, Maker 1-2 8-11 10, Mykhailiuk 3-4 5-5 13, Rose 8-17 6-7 22, Doumbouya 1-4 2-2 4, King 0-0 0-0 0, Wood 7-7 9-11 23, Bone 0-0 0-0 0, Galloway 5-10 2-3 14, Jackson 8-14 3-3 22. Totals 39-73 37-44 127.

Sacramento	**27**	**23**	**25**	**31**	**— 106**
Detroit	**26**	**31**	**36**	**34**	**— 127**

3-Point Goals—Sacramento 10-35 (Bogdanovic 3-8, Hield 2-9, Barnes 1-2, Bazemore 1-2, Fox 1-2, Bjelica 1-4, Dedmon 1-4, Tolliver 0-2), Detroit 12-29 (Morris 3-6, Jackson 3-7, Mykhailiuk 2-3, Snell 2-3, Galloway 2-6, Doumbouya 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Sacramento 45 (Dedmon 10), Detroit 48 (Morris 11). Assists—Sacramento 23 (Bjelica, Hield 5), Detroit 19 (Rose 11). Total Fouls—Sacramento 28, Detroit 19. A—13,972 (20,491).

CHICAGO 117, MINNESOTA 110

MINNESOTA (110)
Covington 4-9 0-0 9, Wiggins 10-19 1-6 25, Towns 16-24 4-5 40, Culver 1-5 0-2 3, Napier 5-6 4-4 16, Bates-Diop 1-4 2-5 4, Crabbe 2-7 0-0 5, Dieng 1-5 0-0 3, McLaughlin 1-4 2-2 5, Okogie 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 41-86 13-24 110.
CHICAGO (117)
Dunn 3-4 8-9 14, Markkanen 6-14 5-6 21, Kornet 5-10 4-4 15, LaVine 8-18 6-8 25, Satoransky 1-7 0-0 2, Young 3-5 0-0 6, Felicio 5-6 2-2 12, Hutchison 3-6 3-4 9, Arcidiacono 0-2 1-1 1, White 5-12 1-3 12. Totals 39-84 30-37 117.

Minnesota	**26**	**26**	**27**	**31**	**— 110**
Chicago	**35**	**24**	**22**	**36**	**— 117**

3-Point Goals—Minnesota 15-44 (Towns 4-8, Wiggins 4-10, Napier 2-3, Culver 1-3, McLaughlin 1-3, Dieng 1-4, Covington 1-5, Crabbe 1-5, Okogie 0-2), Chicago 9-30 (Markkanen 4-10, LaVine 3-6, White 1-4, Kornet 1-5, Satoransky 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Minnesota 43 (Covington, Dieng, Napier 7), Chicago 50 (Felicio 10). Assists—Minnesota 27 (Wiggins 9), Chicago 21 (Satoransky 5). Total Fouls—Minnesota 25, Chicago 22. A—18,875 (20,917)

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	51	29	10	12	70	169	135
Tampa Bay	48	29	15	4	62	175	137
Florida	49	28	16	5	61	183	163
Toronto	49	25	17	7	57	176	165
Buffalo	49	22	20	7	51	145	152
Montreal	50	22	21	7	51	155	157
Ottawa	48	17	23	8	42	130	163
Detroit	51	12	35	4	28	109	199

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	49	33	11	5	71	177	144
Pittsburgh	50	31	14	5	67	168	136
N.Y. Islanders	49	29	15	5	63	143	132
Columbus	51	27	16	8	62	138	130
Carolina	50	29	18	3	61	159	132
Philadelphia	50	27	17	6	60	158	150
N.Y. Rangers	48	23	21	4	50	158	159
New Jersey	48	17	24	7	41	126	173

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	49	30	11	8	68	158	134
Colorado	49	28	15	6	62	179	143
Dallas	48	27	17	4	58	125	120
Chicago	51	24	21	6	54	155	161
Winnipeg	51	25	22	4	54	152	160
Minnesota	50	23	21	6	52	156	166
Nashville	47	22	18	7	51	156	154

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	49	27	18	4	58	162	149
Edmonton	49	26	18	5	57	155	153
Calgary	50	26	19	5	57	135	147
Arizona	51	26	20	5	57	146	138
Vegas	52	25	20	7	57	161	159
San Jose	50	21	25	4	46	130	167
Anaheim	48	19	24	5	43	122	150
Los Angeles	50	18	27	5	41	125	158

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.
Tuesday's Games
Boston 3, Vegas 2
Carolina 4, Winnipeg 1
N.Y. Islanders 4, N.Y. Rangers 2
Philadelphia 3, Pittsburgh 0
Florida 4, Chicago 3
Wednesday's Games
Columbus 4, Winnipeg 3
Minnesota 4, Detroit 2
Today's Games
No games scheduled
Friday's Games
No games scheduled
Saturday's Games
Metropolitan vs. Atlantic at Enterprise Center, 7:15 p.m.
Pacific vs. Central at Enterprise Center, 8:15 p.m.
TBD vs. TBD at Enterprise Center, 9:15 p.m.

MINNESOTA 4, DETROIT 2

Detroit	**2**	**0**	**0**	**—**	**2**
Minnesota	**1**	**3**	**0**	**—**	**4**

First Period—1, Detroit, Zadina 7 (Larkin, Daley), 3:08. 2, Minnesota, Greenway 6 (Dumba), 4:28. 3, Detroit, Zadina 8 (Daley, Filppula), 16:39 (pp). Penalties—Hartman, Min (Tripping), 14:45.
Second Period—4, Minnesota, Zuccarello 13 (Dumba, Staal), 1:12. 5, Minnesota, Zucker 14 (Rask, Fiala), 2:19. 6, Minnesota, Staal 17 (Parise, Zuccarello), 11:39. Penalties—None.
Third Period—None. Penalties—Koivu, Min (High Sticking), 18:47.
Shots on Goal—Detroit 11-5-11—27. Minnesota 12-15-6—33.
Power-play opportunities—Detroit 1 of 2; Minnesota 0 of 0.
Goalies—Detroit, Howard 2-19-2 (33 shots-29 saves). Minnesota, Dubnyk 9-12-2 (27-25).
A—17,212 (18,064). T—2:22.
Referees—Tom Chmielewski, Gord Dwyer. Linesmen—Scott Driscoll, Brian Mach.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Wednesday's boys scores
Bad Axe 46, Elkton-Pigeon Bay Port Laker 22
Bear Lake 59, Big Rapids Crossroads Charter Academy 45
Beaverton 59, Coleman 36
Brethren 65, Baldwin 54
Brown City 41, Marlette 31
Carrollton 77, Reese 70
Cass City 36, Caro 34
Clarkston Everest Collegiate 54, Waterford Our Lady 41
Dansville 46, Saranac 38
Decatur 43, Lawrence 41
Harbor Beach 71, Capac 37
Laingsburg 45, Fowler 33
Manistee Catholic Central 61, Walkerville 46
Manton 55, Houghton Lake 49
McBain 62, Lake City 47
Merritt Academy 65, Michigan School for the Deaf 16
Ojibwe Charter 63, Paradise Whitefish 16
Pewamo-Westphalia 57, Bath 41
Roscommon 55, Leroy Pine River 46
Ubly 31, Sandusky 17
Yale 44, Imlay City 40
Girls
Bellaire 49, Gaylord St. Mary 36
Carsonville-Port Sanilac 45, Bay City All Saints 27
Covert 30, Albion 9
Eastpointe East Detroit 41, Hazel Park 34
Fife Lake Forest Area 64, Pellston 21
Harper Woods Chandler Park Academy 72, Kalamazoo Central 48
Michigan Center 61, Springport 49
Mount Pleasant Sacred Heart 41, Carson City-Crystal 27
New Haven 45, Madison Heights 15
Onekama 45, Grand Traverse Academy 25
St. Ignace LaSalle 70, Cedarville 46

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wednesday's men's scores
EAST
Albany (NY) 101, Mass.-Lowell 75
American U. 93, Loyola (Md.) 91
Army 94, Lafayette 74
Binghamton 83, Stony Brook 79
Cincinnati 89, Temple 82
Fordham 59, George Washington 54
Holy Cross 96, Lehigh 95
Marist 75, Manhattan 73
Navy 60, Boston U. 58
Pittsburgh 74, Boston College 72
Rhode Island 77, Duquesne 55
Seton Hall 73, Providence 64
UMBC 69, Hartford 60
Vermont 59, Maine 57
W. Kentucky 64, Marshall 60
SOUTH
Alabama 77, Vanderbilt 62
Auburn 80, South Carolina 67
Chattanooga 92, The Citadel 69
Davidson 71, Saint Louis 59
Furman 101, Samford 78
George Mason 73, UMass 63
Louisville 68, Georgia Tech 64
McNeese St. 77, SE Louisiana 61
Mercer 85, W. Carolina 79
Mississippi St. 77, Arkansas 70
Nicholls 91, Houston Baptist 83
Richmond 75, La Salle 57
Stephen F. Austin 69, Northwestern St. 62
Virginia Tech 79, North Carolina 77
Wofford 66, VMI 54
MIDWEST
Bradley 75, Illinois St. 63
Creighton 83, DePaul 68
Dayton 86, St. Bonaventure 60
Drake 73, Evansville 50
Iowa 85, Rutgers 80
Loyola of Chicago 75, Indiana St. 55
Penn St. 72, Michigan 63
S. Dakota St. 78, N. Dakota St. 73
S. Illinois 68, N. Iowa 66
Syracuse 84, Notre Dame 82
Xavier 66, Georgetown 57
SOUTHWEST
Lamar 89, Incarnate Word 77
SMU 84, East Carolina 64
Sam Houston St. 82, Abilene Christian 76
Texas A&M-CC 74, New Orleans 71
Tulsa 80, Memphis 40
UALR 81, Troy 63
FAR WEST
CS Northridge 83, UC Santa Barbara 75
Cal St.-Fullerton 78, UC Davis 74
California Baptist 85, Chicago St. 53
Colorado St. 86, Fresno St. 68

PENN ST. 72, MICHIGAN 63

PENN ST. (14-5)
Stevens 7-14 4-6 19, M.Jones 6-9 1-2 16, Wheeler 0-2 0-0 0, Dread 2-6 3-4 8, Harrar 3-4 0-0 6, Watkins 2-6 1-3 5, C.Jones 7-9 1-1 18, Lundy 0-3 0-0 0, Brockington 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 27-56 10-16 72.
MICHIGAN (11-7)
Simpson 8-23 0-0 18, Wagner 1-9 3-4 6, Brooks 4-12 3-4 12, Johns 6-10 1-2 14, Teske 4-10 1-2 9, DeJulius 0-3 2-2 2, Davis 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 24-68 10-14 63.
Halftime—Penn St. 37-28. 3-Point Goals—Penn St. 8-19 (C.Jones 3-4, M.Jones 3-4, Dread 1-4, Stevens 1-4, Watkins 0-1, Lundy 0-2), Michigan 5-28 (Simpson 2-7, Johns 1-3, Brooks 1-5, Wagner 1-8, DeJulius 0-1, Teske 0-4). Rebounds—Penn St. 32 (Stevens 9), Michigan 36 (Teske 11). Assists—Penn St. 9 (Wheeler 4), Michigan 9 (Simpson 6). Total Fouls—Penn St. 15, Michigan 14. A—12,707 (12,707).

SYRACUSE 84, NOTRE DAME 82

SYRACUSE (12-7)
Girard 4-14 4-4 15, Hughes 9-19 4-4 26, Boeheim 5-14 0-0 10, Dolezaj 3-7 3-6 9, Sidibe 6-6 0-0 12, Guerrier 3-5 3-3 9, Goodine 1-1 0-0 3. Totals 31-66 14-17 84.
NOTRE DAME (11-7)
Hubb 3-10 0-0 8, Mooney 8-17 5-7 21, Gibbs 5-10 0-0 13, Goodwin 6-15 0-1 15, Pflueger 3-6 0-0 8, Laszewski 4-7 0-0 11, Durham 2-3 2-2 6. Totals 31-68 7-10 82.
Halftime—Syracuse 46-42. 3-Point Goals—Syracuse 8-26 (Hughes 4-9, Girard 3-10, Goodine 1-1, Guerrier 0-1, Boeheim 0-5), Notre Dame 13-36 (Laszewski 3-6, Gibbs 3-7, Goodwin 3-9, Pflueger 2-5, Hubb 2-9). Rebounds—Syracuse 38 (Girard 9), Notre Dame 30 (Mooney 13). Assists—Syracuse 13 (Girard 4), Notre Dame 23 (Mooney, Pflueger 6). Total Fouls—Syracuse 14, Notre Dame 14. A—7,492 (9,149).

NFL

Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 19
Kansas City 35, Tennessee 24
San Francisco 37, Green Bay 20
Pro Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 26
At Orlando, Fla.
AFC vs. NFC, 3 p.m. (ESPN)
Super Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 2
Miami
Kansas City vs. San Francisco, 6:30 p.m. (FOX)

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BOSTON RED SOX — Traded RHP Travis Lakins to the Chicago Cubs for a player to be named or cash. Assigned LHP Bobby Poyner outright to Pawtucket (IL).
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Agreed to terms with RHPs Drew Anderson, Ryan Burr, Brady Lail, Alex McRae and Bryan Mitchell; LHPs Ross Detwiler, Caleb Frare, Jacob Lindgren, Adalberto Mejia and Matt Tomshaw; INFs Cheslor Cuthbert, Andrew Romine and Matt Skole; and OFs Jaycob Brugman and Nicky Delmonico on minor-league contracts.
SEATTLE MARINERS — Named Tony Arnerich minor league field coordinator; Mike Cameron minor league special assistant; Rob Marcello pitching coach of Tacoma (PCL); Dave Berg manager, Alon Leichman pitching coach and Joe Thurston hitting coach of Arkansas (TL); Sean McGrath pitching coach and Shawn O'Malley hitting coach of Modesto (Cal); Eric Farris manager, Nathan Bannister pitching coach and Rob Benjamin hitting coach of West Virginia (SAL); Louis Boyd manager and Michael Fransoso hitting coach of Everett (NWL); Jose Umbria hitting coach of the AZL Mariners; Brett Schneider hitting coach and Guady Jabalera coach of the DSL Mariners.
TEXAS RANGERS — Named Brendan Sagara special assistant/player development and pitching coach of Nashville (PCL), Greg Hibbard minor league roving pitching instructor and Kevin Torres coach of Down East (Carolina).
National League
ATLANTA BRAVES — Agreed to terms with OF Marcell Ozuna on a one-year contract.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Claimed RHP Luis Madero off waivers from the Los Angeles Angels. Designated RHP Jake Jewell for assignment. Agreed to terms with RHP Tyson Ross and C Rob Brantly to minor league contracts.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
SACRAMENTO KINGS — Traded Fs Trevor Ariza, Wenyen Gabriel and Caleb Swanigan to Portland for G Kent Bazemore, F Anthony Tolliver and two second-round draft picks.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
GREEN BAY PACKERS — Signed TE Evan Baylis, T Cody Conway, RB Damarea Crockett, CB Kabion Ento, TE James Looney, LB Randy Ramsey, WR Darrius Shepherd, WR Malik Taylor, QB Manny Wilkins and LB Tim Williams to reserve/future contracts.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Signed WR Bralon Addison and DE Stacy Keely to reserve/future contracts.
TENNESSEE TITANS — Signed LB Josh Smith to a reserve/future contract.

WOLVERINES

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"They played good defense," Michigan's Eli Brooks said. "We just didn't knock down shots."

Penn State (14-5, 4-4) also beat Michigan last season. This is the first time the Nittany Lions have won consecutive games over the Wolverines since 2008 and 2009. Penn State also snapped a seven-game losing streak at Crisler Center.

Stevens scored Penn State's first seven points, and the Nittany Lions jumped to an early 9-2 lead. Michigan rallied to lead 21-16 before Penn State went on a 14-0 run. It was 37-28 at halftime.

"I thought it was a whole team win," Stevens said. "I got off to a good start, but I felt like everybody contributed."

The Nittany Lions led 60-45 with 7 minutes to play. The Wolverines went on one last run and cut the lead to five on a 3-pointer by Simpson, but got no closer.

Wolverines forward Isaiah Livers missed his sixth straight game with a groin injury. Michigan is 2-4 in that stretch.

BIG PICTURE

Penn State: It was an impressive performance by the Nittany Lions on the road. They have recovered nicely from a three-game losing streak in the middle of the month, posting wins over Ohio State and Michigan. Wednesday's game was Penn State's first road win in league play.

"That's big because in the Big Ten there haven't been many road wins, so for us, we try to come in – we call them road kills – and try to steal as many as we can," Curtis Jones said.

Michigan: The Wolverines were 10 of 16 from the field at one point, but they endured a 6-for-34 stretch after that and couldn't seem to stem the tide. Most of Michigan's problems lately have come on the road, but this was an ugly loss at home. Coach Juwan Howard was asked afterward if he was concerned about things snowballing.

"I got that under control," Howard said. "You can trust me on that one. There's not going to be any doubt in that locker room. We will not lose trust in one another. There is a lot of season to be played."

BIG MINUTES

Michigan used only seven players. Simpson played all 40 minutes and had six assists to go along with his team-leading scoring total, but he also had six turnovers and shot 8 of 23 from the field.

HALL

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SquarePants shirt. His 20-year-old daughter Canaan sent a text "Way to go, dad. ... You're trending," he recalled.

"I knew we're going to go sit outside and hang out up front, so I just wanted something a little warmer," he said.

Jeter was an $800,000 bonus baby, won five World Series titles and became captain of the Yankees. Among baseball's best-known stars, he was a GQ icon, no hair ever out of place – back when he had hair.

"How's it look?" he said after putting on the Hall jersey.

Walker was somewhat dazed.

"Pinch me," he exclaimed.

Born in British Columbia, Walker signed with the Montreal Expos for $1,500.

"Bought my girlfriend a necklace and she dumped me and had only about $1,000 left from that $2,000 Canadian," he said.

He was so unfamiliar with baseball that when he started that during a 1985 New York-Penn League game he ran across the infield from third to first after a line drive on a hit-and-run, not realizing he had to retouch second. In 1994 while with Montreal, he handed the ball to a fan after Mike Piazza's foulout, thinking it was the third out, allowing the Dodgers' Jose Offerman to tag up from first and sprint to third.

Walker spent his best decade in the mile-high air of Colorado's Coors Field, then finished in St. Louis. His only Series appearance was when the Rockies were swept by the Red Sox in 2004. He points out he was 0 for 18 in his career against Wally Whitehurst, a pitcher with a career record of 20-37.

Asked whether he would be in the Hall if he hadn't raked in the thin air, he quickly replied: "absolutely not."

"I get it. Coors Field's a great place to hit. There's no backing away from that," he said. "But I believe with that, I did it better than anybody else at that ballpark. So that had to be some consideration, I guess."

Jeter, of course, played for the Yankees' famously demanding owner George Steinbrenner.

"He had a real tough time comprehending that over a course of a 162-game season you may lose a game," he recalled. "I can say I had the same mindset on the field."

He was the perfect pinstriped player, a Yankees lifer.

"My parents used to always tell me, look, you have to you have to sit back and enjoy the moment," he said. "I was just never able to do it. I don't know if that's a character flaw or of it's part of the reason why I'm here. It was always just what's next?"

Walker is every bit as much a competitor, which helped overcome his late start.

"I just took up 10pin bowling after I retired and I threw a perfect game two years later," he said. "So I love the challenge of trying to learn something new. Baseball was new for me."

MANNING

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championship since the 1990 season and Manning got his first Super Bowl MVP award, knocking off the previously unbeaten New England Patriots. The second came after the 2011 season when Manning and company again beat Tom Brady, Bill Belichick and the Pats.

In both games, Manning hit a clutch late pass on game-winning drives. He and David Tyree hooked up on the helmet catch in the first one and he found Mario Manningham on sideline go pattern in the second, igniting an 88-yard drive.

"Eli Manning not only is the quarterback on those great teams, but he is the MVP of the Super Bowls," Coughlin said. "He's an incredible big- game performer. You talk about a guy that's great to coach, focused every day, took tremendous pride in preparing, practice, had a great sense of humor, was a cynic in the locker room. But the guys loved him and they loved him for it, and they played for him. The guys that had the opportunity to play with him know what it's like to be with a guy with as much talent, as much grit, as much determination."

Manning was the only player in Giants history to play 16 seasons. His 236 regular-season games (234 starts) and 248 total games are team records.

From Nov. 21, 2004 through Nov. 23, 2017, Manning started 210 consecutive regular-season games, then the second-longest streak by a quarterback in NFL history (to Brett Favre's 297). After sitting out one game, he started the next 22 in a row, giving him 232 starts in 233 games – plus 12 postseason games. Manning never missed a game because of injury.

Manning is sixth in NFL history with 8,119 attempts and seventh with 4,895 completions, 57,023 yards and 366 touchdown passes. He also has the franchise's highest career completion rate (60.29 percent). He was selected to four Pro Bowls.

Manning started the first two games of the recently concluded season before recently fired coach Pat Shurmur replaced him with Jones, the No. 6 pick overall in the draft. He started two more games in December after Jones sprained an ankle and led the Giants to a win over Miami in his final start at MetLife Stadium.

Off the field, Manning has donated his time to many charitable events. He was the co-recipient of the Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year Award in 2016 with Larry Fitzgerald of the Arizona Cardinals.

During the Super Bowl week, Manning will be presented with the 2020 Athletes in Action/Bart Starr Award for serving as a positive role model to his family, teammates and community.

Manning is one of just five players in NFL history to win multiple Super Bowl MVP awards, joined by Brady, Joe Montana, Terry Bradshaw and Starr. Manning is one of 21 quarterbacks to win a Super Bowl without losing one and one of 12 to win at least two Super Bowls.

In the 2004 draft, the Giants picked fourth and selected quarterback Philip Rivers. Accorsi sent Rivers, their third-round choice in 2004 (No. 65 overall), and first and fifth-round picks in the 2005 draft to the Chargers for Manning.

It was the game-changing deal for the Giants.

DAHLBERG

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sunk any other team, but the Patriots just brushed it off and kept winning games.

And win they did, on the biggest stages and in the biggest moments. The Patriots were so good for so long they probably would have won a handful of Super Bowls even if they didn't spy on opponents or take the air out of footballs.

They gave us arguably the greatest comeback in a Super Bowl against the Falcons, rallying from a 25-point deficit midway through the third quarter in 2017 to win in overtime. They also gave us one of the ugliest Super Bowl wins ever last year against the Los Angeles Rams.

Greatness, indeed. But greatness not celebrated much outside of New England.

Last year's game was the lowest-rated Super Bowl in 11 years, dropping below 100 million viewers for the first time in a decade. That's still the biggest audience of the year for any network, but down 16 million viewers from the Patriots win over Seattle four years earlier.

Patriots fatigue was evident at Nevada sports books, too. A year after setting a record of $158.6 million in bets, gamblers waged just $146 million last year.

Expect the TV numbers to break the 100 million mark again. And a new sports betting record is pretty much a given, both in Nevada and the 13 other states that now allow legal sports betting.

Hopefully the Chiefs and 49ers will deliver. Brady and the Patriots usually did, even while they took some of the fun out of the game.

It's on to Miami and a game with seemingly unlimited story lines to intrigue fans.

Thankfully, none of them involve the Patriots.

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Anti-government protesters throw stones at the riot police during ongoing protests in Beirut, Lebanon, on Wednesday. Lebanon's new government has held its first meeting a day after it was formed following a three-month political vacuum.

Lebanese Cabinet faces multiple challenges, growing unrest

By ZEINA KARAM and BASSEM MROUE
Associated Press

BEIRUT — Lebanon's new government made of appointees nominated by the Shiite group Hezbollah and its allies got down to business Wednesday, a day after it was formed. Questions arose immediately about its ability to halt spiraling violence and economic and financial collapse.

As the government headed by Hassan Diab held its first meeting, protesters briefly closed off major roads in and around the capital Beirut, denouncing it as a rubber stamp Cabinet for the same political parties they blame for widespread corruption. Later on Wednesday, a few hundred protesters engaged in some of the most violent confrontations yet with security forces in the capital.

Groups of young men rampaged through streets near Parliament and the Beirut Souks shopping mall in the capital's commercial district. They smashed windows at luxury shops and restaurants in the shopping area and ripped tiles off buildings and broke them up to use as projectiles to throw at police. The area was the scene of fierce battles between warring factions during the country's 15-year civil war, which ended in 1990.

Thick grey smoke hung over the city center as police fired volley after volley of gas canisters that left protesters retching and gasping for breath.

"We are here to say this government doesn't represent the revolutionaries as the prime minister Hassan Diab says. ... They are the same parties, the same corrupt political elite," said Mahmoud Shaar, a 40-year-old from the southern market town of Nabatiyeh, who was among the protesters.

Protesters first took to the streets in mid-October in a mass uprising against the country's ruling elite, which they blame for decades of corruption and mismanagement that have brought Lebanon to the brink of economic collapse.

Since then, the country has sunk deeper into a political crisis. The Lebanese pound, long pegged to the dollar, has lost up to 60 percent of its value against the dollar and banks have imposed unprecedented capital controls to preserve liquidity. The once strikingly peaceful protests, praised around the world, recently turned violent as anger and frustration mounts. Over 500 people were injured over the weekend in confrontations in Beirut that saw security forces fire rubber pullets to disperse protesters.

Although the government announced Tuesday is technically made up of specialists, the ministers were named by political parties in a process involving horse trading and bickering with little regard for the demands of protesters for a transparent process and independent candidates. Key political parties are not part of the government, making it one made up exclusively of nominees backed by Hezbollah and its allies.

Diab vowed to tackle the country's crippling crisis – the worst since the civil war – saying his Cabinet will adopt financial and economic methods different than those of previous governments. But analysts said it was highly unlikely a government backed by the powerful militant group would be able to drum up the international and regional support needed to avoid economic collapse.

AP Photo / Hussein Malla

An anti-government protester covered by the smoke of the tear gas, sits on the middle of a street, during a protest against the new government, in downtown Beirut, Lebanon, on Wednesday. Lebanon's new government, made up of members nominated by the Shiite group Hezbollah and its allies got down to business Wednesday, a day after it was formed. Questions arose immediately about its ability to halt a spiral of economic and political collapse.

Hezbollah is considered a terrorist organization by the U.S. and oil-rich Gulf countries whose support is badly needed for debt-ridden Lebanon. The European Union considers the military wing of Hezbollah a terrorist organization.

"These ministers and this government will not be able to make independent decisions related to the economy or the political situation, so long as their decisions are up to the parties that formed this government, first and foremost Hezbollah," said political analyst Youssef Diab.

Sherine, an 18-year-old student studying radio and TV journalism, said she was against the vandalism and violence targeting security forces.

"The government is creating this separation between us. We need to go and break the power holders. This violence might be the only way to achieve anything but I am against it," she said.

President Michel Aoun told the new ministers they have a "delicate mission" to win the confidence of the Lebanese people by working to improve living conditions and the economy. He said they should also work to win the confidence of the international community in "Lebanon's state institutions."

Russia-Poland feud over history clouds Auschwitz anniversary

By VANESSA GERA and ARON HELLER
Associated Press

WARSAW, Poland — Over the next several days, world leaders will gather twice to mark the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the most notorious of Nazi Germany's death camps.

That there will be two competing ceremonies – one in Jerusalem on Thursday and the other at the Auschwitz site in southern Poland on Monday – underlines how politically charged World War II remains as nationalist governments in Russia and Poland seek to use their own interpretation of the past for contemporary political gain.

Leaders at both sites, joined by elderly survivors, will pay tribute to the 6 million Jews killed in the Holocaust. Yet the commemorations risk being overshadowed by a bitter dispute between Poland – where Nazi German occupiers operated Auschwitz and other infamous camps – and Russia, the successor state to the Soviet Union.

"I am afraid this will not help the commemoration of the Holocaust," said Dariusz Stola, a Polish historian and former director of the POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews.

Such commemorations, he said, should ideally be a moment "for the present to serve the past."

"Now the past is serving the aims of current politics," he told The Associated Press.

Ahead of Thursday's ceremony in Jerusalem, Israeli President Reuven Rivlin implored world leaders assembled for a dinner at his official residence to "leave history for the historians."

"The role of political leaders, of all of us, is to shape the future," he said.

Soviet forces liberated Auschwitz on Jan. 27, 1945. But the country had also signed a nonaggression accord with the Nazis shortly before the war began in 1939, known as the Molotov-Ribbentrop pact. It contained a secret protocol in which the totalitarian powers agreed to carve up Eastern Europe.

Two years later, Germany turned on Kremlin leader Josef Stalin and invaded the Soviet Union, bringing the Soviets into the war on the side of the Allies. Millions of Red Army soldiers lost their lives in the eventual defeat of Adolf Hitler's Germany.

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The sun lights the buildings behind the entrance of the former Nazi death camp of Auschwitz-Birkenau in Oswiecim, Poland. World leaders will gather twice to mark the 75th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp – once on Thursday, in Jerusalem and again on Jan. 27 at the Auschwitz site in southern Poland.

Russian President Vladimir Putin has sought to shift wartime blame to Poland over anger that historical memory in the West has begun to focus more on the Soviet role in triggering the war and less on its role in defeating Germany.

The Russian historical moves have outraged the Polish government, which believes Putin's main motive is to weaken Polish influence in the European Union. Warsaw is one of the strongest supporters of maintaining sanctions on Moscow for its annexation of Crimea and has also been fighting a planned Russian gas pipeline. Polish Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki has accused Putin of lying deliberately to deflect from his own failures, including a ban on Russian athletes over doping.

At the same time, Poland has come under criticism for allegedly minimizing the role its own people played in helping Nazi occupiers kill Jews.

Chinese city stops outbound flights, trains to fight virus

By KEN MORITSUGU
Associated Press

BEIJING — A Chinese city of more than 11 million people planned to shut down outbound flights and trains Thursday as the world's most populous country battled the spread of a new virus that has sickened hundreds of people and killed 17, state media reported.

Everyone in the city of Wuhan was to be restricted to some degree. The state-owned People's Daily newspaper said no one would be allowed to leave. The official Xinhua News Agency said no one would be permitted to leave without a specific reason.

Train stations and the airport were to shut down at 10 a.m. Buses, subways, ferries and long-distance shuttle buses would also be temporarily closed.

Most of the cases are in Wuhan and surrounding Hubei province, but dozens of infections have popped up this week around the country as millions travel for the Lunar New Year, one of the world's largest annual migrations of people. A handful of infected people who came from Wuhan have also been found overseas.

In Geneva, the World Health Organization put off deciding whether to declare the outbreak a global health emergency and asked an expert committee to continue meeting for a second day Thursday.

"We need more information," WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said.

WHO defines a global emergency as an "extraordinary event" that constitutes a risk to other countries and requires a coordinated international response.

When asked about Wuhan's public transport shutdown, WHO chief Tedros said authorities were likely acting to prevent transmission and mass gatherings.

"We cannot say they have done something unusual," he said.

The number of new cases has risen sharply in China, the center of the outbreak. The 17 deaths were all in Hubei province, where the outbreak emerged in the provincial capital of Wuhan late last month. Wuhan authorities said the province has confirmed 444 cases, which would bring the national total to more than 500.

The illness comes from a newly identified type of coronavirus, a family of viruses that can cause the common cold as well as more serious illnesses, such as the SARS outbreak that spread from China to more than a dozen countries in 2002-2003 and killed about 800 people. Some experts have drawn parallels between the new coronavirus and Middle Eastern respiratory syndrome, another coronavirus that does not spread easily among humans and is thought to be carried by camels.

"There has already been human-to-human transmission and infection of medical workers," Li Bin, deputy director of the National Health Commission, said at a news conference Wednesday. "Evidence has shown that the disease has been transmitted through the respiratory tract, and there is the possibility of viral mutation."

A tweet from WHO's Asia office this week raised the possibility that the epidemic is spreading more easily and may no longer require an animal source to spark infections, as officials initially reported.

Authorities in Thailand on Wednesday confirmed four cases – a Thai national and three Chinese visitors. Japan, South Korea, the United States, Taiwan and Macao, a former Portuguese colony that is a semi-autonomous Chinese city, have all reported one case each. All of the illnesses were of people from Wuhan or who recently traveled there.

"The situation is under control here," Thai Public Health Minister Anutin Charnvirakul told reporters, saying there are no reports of the infection spreading to others. "We checked all of them: taxi drivers, people who wheeled the wheelchairs for the patients, doctors and nurses who worked around them."

Dr. Peter Horby, a professor of emerging infectious diseases at Oxford University, said there were three criteria for the outbreak to be declared an international emergency: The outbreak must be an extraordinary event. There must be a risk of international spread, and a globally coordinated response is required.

"In my opinion, those three criteria have been met," he said.

In response to the U.S. case, President Donald Trump said: "We do have a plan, and we think it's going to be handled very well." He said the U.S. and China were both "in very good shape."

In Wuhan, pharmacies limited sales of face masks to one package per customer as people lined up to buy them. Residents said they were not overly concerned as long as they took preventive measures.

"As an adult, I am not too worried about the disease," Yang Bin, the father of a 7-year-old, said after buying a mask. "I think we are more worried about our kids."

Medical workers in protective suits could be seen carrying supplies and stretchers into Wuhan Medical Treatment Center, where some of the patients are being treated.

Some countries have stepped up screening measures for travelers from China, especially those arriving from Wuhan. Travel agencies that organize trips to North Korea said the country banned foreign tourists because of the outbreak. Most tourists to North Korea are either Chinese or travel to the country through neighboring China.

Officials said it was too early to compare the new virus with SARS or MERS, or Middle East respiratory syndrome, in terms of how lethal it might be. They attributed the spike in new cases to improvements in detection and monitoring.

"We are still in the process of learning more about this disease," Gao Fu, an academician of the Chinese Academy of Sciences and head of the Chinese Center for Disease Control, said at the news conference.

Gao said officials are working on the assumption that the outbreak resulted from human exposure to wild animals being sold illegally at a food market in Wuhan and that the virus is mutating. Mutations can make it spread faster or make people sicker.

One veteran of the SARS outbreak said that while there are some similarities in the new virus – namely its origins in China and the link to animals – the current outbreak appears much milder.

Dr. David Heymann, who headed WHO's global response to SARS in 2003, said the new virus appears dangerous for older people with other health conditions, but doesn't seem nearly as infectious as SARS.

"It looks like it doesn't transmit through the air very easily and probably transmits through close contact," he said. "That was not the case with SARS."

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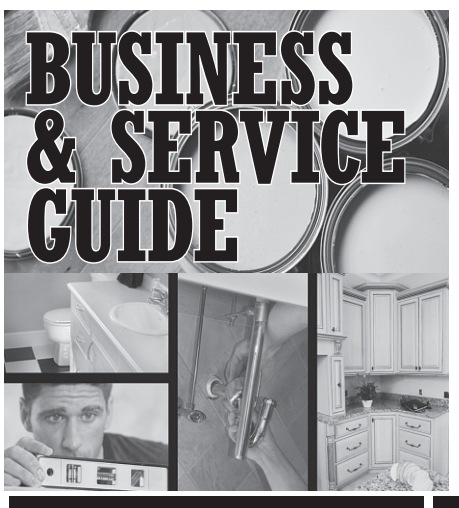

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Before Justin Haley won his weather-shortened first race at Daytona last July, Austin Dillon, driver of the #3 American Ethanol Chevrolet, and Clint Bowyer, driver of the #14 Mobil 1/Rush Truck Centers Ford, started a little wipeout during the Coke Zero Sugar 400. Will more drama ensue with the race now moved to late August?

Daytona, home of the scheduling shakeup

Daytona will not host July 4 weekend NASCAR race, instead taking over regular-season finale slot

The Fourth of July is a festive time in Daytona Beach, brimming with sun, sand, frolicking and fireworks.

For decades, one of NASCAR's showcase events served as the centerpiece of the fun-filled week and an economic engine for the community.

So here's a reminder that the 2020 shake-up has moved an iconic race tethered to Independence Day to the final weekend in August, where the Coke Zero 400 will look to repurpose itself as the circuit's regular-season finale.

The bold break with tradition — one of several with NASCAR's new schedule — highlights the efforts of decision-makers to boost TV ratings, sponsor involvement and fan interest in the sport.

The most iconic racetrack on the circuit is willing to lead the way.

"We're written a lot of incredible chapters around the July race," said Chip Wile, president of Daytona International Speedway. "Now we have time to write a new chapter."

The move to late August undoubtedly sets the stage for a dramatic conclusion to the 2020 regular season.

Known for producing late-race mayhem and unlikely contenders, the 2.5-mile Daytona International Speedway will mark the final opportunity for many drivers to earn a spot in the 16-driver playoff.

"You think about going into the final race of the season, where drivers who mathematically have zero chance of making the playoff other than winning the race and the moves they will make and the risk they make to get to Victory Lane," Wile said. "It really adds an additional element to what is already one of the most exciting races on the schedule.

"You want to see one of those walk-off home-run moments. This is setting the stage for that."

Daytona's annual summer race has produced plenty of big moments.

Richard Petty picked up his 200th and final victory there in 1984, with president Ronald Reagan looking on. Dale Earnhardt Jr. won in 2001, five months after his legendary father lost his life during the last lap of the Daytona 500.

Tony Stewart climbed the chain-link fencing near the finish line after his 2006 win, one of his four victories during the summer race. A year before his death following a crash, local legend Fireball Roberts picked up one of his final wins in Daytona during the summer of '63. The late David Pearson earned a record six of his 105 wins during the Firecracker 400, the longtime name of the race.

But the race eventually would become the Pepsi 400 in 1989 until Coke Zero took over in 2008.

Times changed.

Business considerations also are driving the latest move.

Unlike the 500-miler at Daytona International Speedway, the July event struggled to fill the grandstands and generate the excitement of yesteryear. Many raceways could relate, leading NASCAR officials to elicit input from race teams, track owner-ship groups and even everyday fans.

Shuffling the 2020 schedule made the most sense, given one more year remains on a five-year sanctioning agreement between NASCAR and the various raceways.

Even more radical changes are expected in 2021. This could include eliminating some of the current 36 races in order to shorten the season and reducing the mileage of some races in order to complete them in tighter timeframes.

But do not expect some of the notable changes on the schedule to be merely a one-year trial.

"This wasn't a decision [where] we said, 'Hey, let's go there for a year and rotate it,'" said Steve O'Donnell, NASCAR's executive vice president and chief racing development officer. "Our intent is to stay for a few years and see how we net out."

In addition to moving the Coke Zero 400, NASCAR restationed the historic Southern 500 at Darlington to kick off the 10-race playoff series. The unique Bristol Night Race, the Charlotte ROVAL 500 and the topsy-turvy fall race in Martinsville, Va. — the circuit's oldest short track — now will serve as the playoffs' three cut-off stages and ultimately eliminate all but four drivers from title contention.

NASCAR then will stage the championship race at the 1-mile ISM Raceway outside Phoenix, where $168 million in renovations were made to the venue. The move bumps the race at Homestead-Miami Speedway to March 22.

The Brickyard 400 at Indianapolis Motor Speedway will run the week of July 4.

Reigning Daytona 500 champion Denny Hamlin was surprised by the extent of the shake-up made to next year's schedule, but he applauded it.

"More changes than what I thought was going to be on tap for us," Hamlin said. "But certainly happy that they're making significant changes in our schedule."

Hamlin specifically praised moving the regular-season finale to Daytona — due to the race's unpredictability — and awarding ISM Raceway the title race.

"I think there's only handfuls of tracks that are deserving enough to really hold the final event," he said. "It's all about facilities from my standpoint. That's been the No. 1 priority in my mind that needed to be the focal point of us moving forward. ISM Raceway is an upgrade facilities-wise from Homestead, so I'm all for it."

No track, though, carries the cachet, owns the history or offers the combination of atmosphere and amenities of Daytona International Speedway. The facility completed $400 million in renovations in 2016 and is busy 300 days a year.

Besides the two Cup Series races and other motorsport events, the venue hosts events ranging from a country music festival to an international triathlon.

Given the speedway's impact on the economy, Wile said local business owners are excited to see the Fourth of July race move to later in the summer.

"We're adding an additional weekend of activity that would not typically be as busy," Wile said.

O'Donnell feels the Coke Zero 400's move to August also will be a money-maker for NASCAR while, deservedly, placing a bigger spotlight on the sport's most iconic track.

"While I love July 4th and the tradition, it's not sold out," he said. "It's been a challenge from a weather standpoint, and are we really showcasing that track and all that's gone into it as much as we should? That was why that move was made."

— Edgar Thompson, Orlando Sentinel

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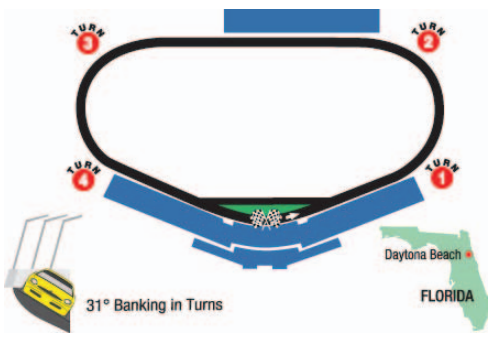

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Hamlin

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2. Daytona is the largest lighted sports facility in North America, with over 2,000 lights installed since the first night race in 1998.

3. George W. Bush is the only person to have served as Grand Marshal for both the Daytona 500 and the Coke Zero 400.

4. The Pontiac Trans-Am is the most-used Daytona 500 Pace Car, having made 13 appearances in the Great American Race.

5. The Harley J. Earl Daytona 500 trophy is named for the General Motors designer who built the first-ever concept car, also known as the "Father of the Corvette" and served as NASCAR's second commissioner.

6. Roy Ogletree established a Guinness world record for most miles traveled by Jet Ski in 24 hours, circling the lake for 900 laps or 1,080 miles during the Rolex 24 in 2009.

7. In 1982, Bobby Allison became the first and so far, only, driver to win the Sprint Unlimited, Daytona 500 and Coke Zero 400 in the same season.

8. Two full Disneylands would fit inside Daytona International Speedway's 180-acre infield.

9. A record six women qualified for the 2010 Lucas Oil 200 in the ARCA Racing Series at Daytona International Speedway.

10. You can see the Atlantic Ocean from the top rows of the 400 level of the new stadium.

2019 MONSTER FINAL STANDINGS

*Top 20 + **champion***

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1 Kyle Busch #18	**5040**	11 William Byron #24	2274
2 Martin Truex Jr #19	5035	12 Alex Bowman #88	2257
3 Kevin Harvick #4	5033	13 Kurt Busch #1	2237
4 Denny Hamlin #11	5027	14 Aric Almirola #10	2234
5 Joey Logano #22	2380	15 Ryan Newman #6	2219
6 Ryan Blaney #12	2339	16 Erik Jones #20	2194
7 Kyle Larson #42	2339	17 Daniel Suarez #41	846
8 Brad Keselowski #2	2318	18 Jimmie Johnson #48	835
9 Clint Bowyer #14	2290	19 Paul Menard #21	777
10 Chase Elliott #9	2275	20 Chris Buescher #37	729

2019 XFINITY FINAL STANDINGS

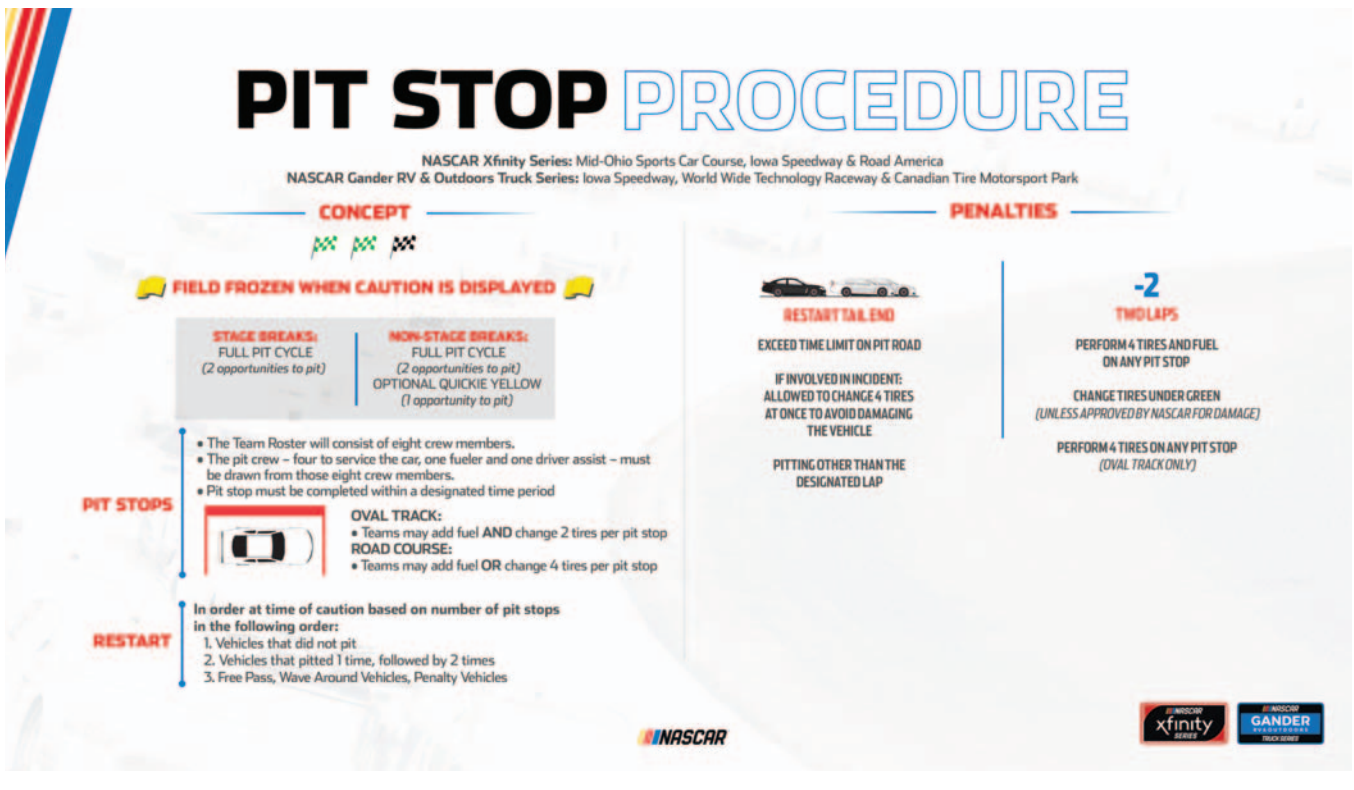
*Top 20 + **champion***

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1 Tyler Reddick #2	**4040**	11 Ryan Sieg #39	2171
2 Cole Custer #0	4035	12 Justin Haley #11	2155
3 Christopher Bell #20	4032	13 Gray Gaulding #8	713
4 Justin Allgaier #7	4023	14 Jer Clements #51	699
5 Chase Briscoe #98	2302	15 Brandon Brown #68	574
6 Austin Cindric #22	2294	16 Ray Black Jr #7	547
7 J.H. Nemechek #23	2253	17 Josh Williams #36	527
8 Noah Gragson #9	2246	18 Stephen Leicht #1	449
9 Michael Annett #1	2239	19 Garrett Smithley #0	443
10 Brandon Jones #19	2207	20 BJ McLeod #4	425

2019 TRUCKS FINAL STANDINGS

*Top 10 + **champion***

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1 Matt Crafton #88	**4035**	6 Johnny Sauter #13	2238
2 Ross Chastain #45	4033	7 Grant Enfinger #98	2236
3 Brett Moffitt #24	4032	8 Tyler Ankrum #17	2182
4 Stewart Friesen #52	4026	9 Ben Rhodes #99	773
5 Austin Hill #16	2298	10 Sheldon Creed #2	726


PIT STOP PROCEDURE
NASCAR Xfinity Series: Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course, Iowa Speedway & Road America
NASCAR Gander RV & Outdoors Truck Series: Iowa Speedway, World Wide Technology Raceway & Canadian Tire Motorsport Park
CONCEPT
FIELD FROZEN WHEN CAUTION IS DISPLAYED
STAGE BREAKS: FULL PIT CYCLE (2 opportunities to pit)
NON-STAGE BREAKS: FULL PIT CYCLE (2 opportunities to pit) OPTIONAL QUICKIE YELLOW (1 opportunity to pit)
PIT STOPS
• The Team Roster will consist of eight crew members.
• The pit crew – four to service the car, one fueler and one driver assist – must be drawn from those eight crew members.
• Pit stop must be completed within a designated time period
OVAL TRACK:
• Teams may add fuel AND change 2 tires per pit stop
ROAD COURSE:
• Teams may add fuel OR change 4 tires per pit stop
RESTART
In order at time of caution based on number of pit stops in the following order:
1. Vehicles that did not pit
2. Vehicles that pitted 1 time, followed by 2 times
3. Free Pass, Wave Around Vehicles, Penalty Vehicles
PENALTIES
RESTART TAIL END
EXCEED TIME LIMIT ON PIT ROAD
IF INVOLVED IN INCIDENT: ALLOWED TO CHANGE 4 TIRES AT ONCE TO AVOID DAMAGING THE VEHICLE
PITTING OTHER THAN THE DESIGNATED LAP
-2
TWO LAPS
PERFORM 4 TIRES AND FUEL ON ANY PIT STOP
CHANGE TIRES UNDER GREEN (UNLESS APPROVED BY NASCAR FOR DAMAGE)
PERFORM 4 TIRES ON ANY PIT STOP (OVAL TRACK ONLY)
NASCAR
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GANDER

XFINITY & TRUCKS OPENERS

Trucks: Daytona International Speedway, a 2.5-mile, asphalt tri-oval in Daytona Beach, Fla.
When: 7:30 p.m. ET Friday, Feb. 14. **TV:** FS1
Last year's winner: Austin Hill.

Xfinity: Daytona International Speedway, a 2.5-mile, asphalt tri-oval in Daytona Beach, Fla.
When: 2:30 p.m. ET Saturday, Feb. 15. **TV:** FS1
Last year's winner: Michael Annett.

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Kirbi Jo Long performs as Agnetha in the U.S. tour of "ABBA Mania," which comes to The Mendel Center on Friday night.

Bring your mamma (Mia) to 'ABBA Mania'

Cast aims to bridge generations with ABBA's music

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — No matter how old you are, if "Dancing Queen" by ABBA comes on the radio, you can probably singalong.

"It's timeless," Kirbi Jo Long, who plays Agnetha in "ABBA Mania," said during a recent phone interview. "Whether they're 5 to a 90-year-old grandma, everyone knows these songs. It's amazing that a band from the '70s is still impacting new generations. We bridge generations with their music."

ABBA Mania, an ABBA tribute group, will stop by The Mendel Center Mainstage Theatre for an 8 p.m. performance tomorrow.

Long, now in her seventh year doing the show, said she quickly came to appreciate the characters they play.

"They brought so many people together with their music," she said.

The other U.S. cast members of ABBA are played by Amy Edwards (Frida), James Allen (Bjorn) and Jeff Pike (Benny).

Long said she loves her co-performers.

"They have become really a family," she said. "We all have families at home, but we're all in the same

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If You Go

What: "ABBA Mania"

When: 8 p.m. Friday

Where: Lake Michigan College's Mendel Center, 2755 E. Napier Ave., Benton Harbor

How much: $27-$57

More info: 927-8700 or www.themendelcenter.com

Artist info: www.abbamania.com

"ABBA Mania" comes to The Mendel Center on Friday night.

IN BRIEF

Witness Krasl Art Fair jury process

ST. JOSEPH — The 59th annual Krasl Art Fair on the Bluff isn't coming until July, but artists only have until Friday to submit their applications for consideration.

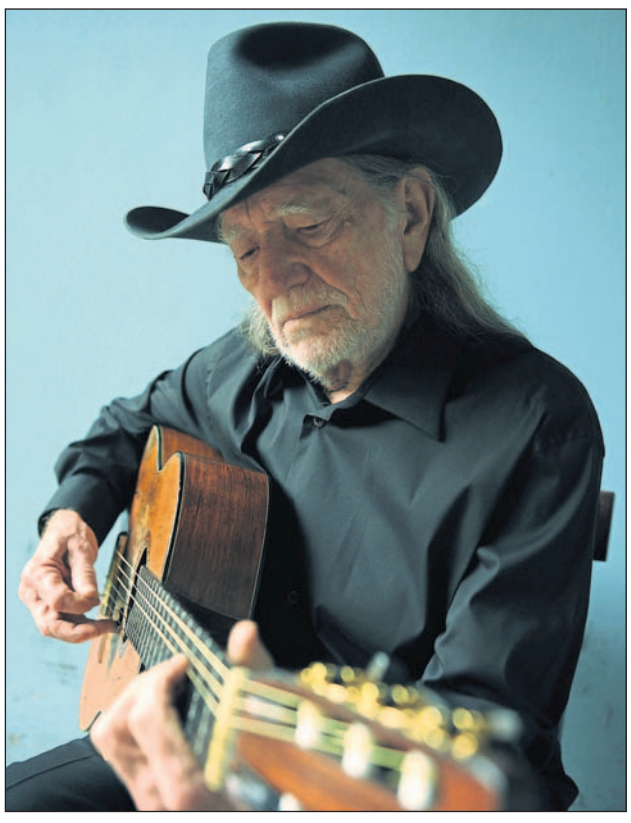
Two hundred artists will be selected to participate in the event on July 11-12 in Lake Bluff Park.

The Krasl Art Center invites the public to observe the 2020 jury process from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Feb. 19 at Lake Michigan College's Mendel Center. The event is free.

The panel of expert jurors will review and score the artists' applications. Last year, there were more than 700 applicants.

The panel reviews four images of each artists' work and one of their booth.

The 2020 jurors are: Bonnie Blandford, co-director of the Garage Sale Art Fair in Kalamazoo, a jewelry artist and an art-fair veteran of more than 40 years; Laura Cutler, a studio artist, co-owner of the Thaddeus C. Gallery in La Porte, Ind., and drawing and painting associate faculty member at Indiana University South Bend; John DeLapa, a studio artist, Krasl faculty member, and investor; John Gutoskey, an artist, designer, printmaker, collector, and owner of JG Studio and the A2 Print Studio in Ann Arbor; and Justin Rothshank, a studio potter working in Goshen, Ind., since 2009.



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Willie Nelson makes a tour stop at Four Winds Casino on April 26.

Willie Nelson to visit Four Winds Casino

NEW BUFFALO — Legendary musician Willie Nelson will make a tour stop at Four Winds Casino's Silver Creek Event Center, 11111 Wilson Road, on April 26.

Tickets, which range from $99 to $179, go on sale Friday for the 8 p.m.

To purchase tickets, visit www.fourwindscasino.com or call 866-494-6371.

With a six-decade career, Willie Nelson has earned every conceivable award as a musician, and has amassed credentials as an author, actor and activist.

In recent years, he has delivered more than a dozen new albums, released a bestselling book, headlined Farm Aid, an event he co-founded in 1985, and was honored by the Library of Congress with the Gershwin Prize for Popular Song.

He also has received his fifth-degree black belt in GongKwon Yusul, headlined the annual Luck Reunion festival during SXSW, and launched his cannabis companies, "Willie's Reserve" and "Willie's Remedy."

In 2019, he released his latest album, "Ride Me Back Home." The title song is nominated for a Grammy Award for Best Country Solo Performance.

For more information on Nelson visit clubluck.willienelson.com.

'Young Artists Concert' is Saturday

BERRIEN SPRINGS — The Andrews University Symphony Orchestra will present its annual "Young Artists Concert" at 8 p.m. Saturday at the Howard Performing Arts Center, 4160 E. Campus Circle Drive.

The program will showcase six students who were selected as winners of the

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WEEKEND HIGHLIGHTS

'Dueling Pianos' returns Friday night

ST. JOSEPH — A show hosted by the Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra that's been known to sell out returns this weekend.

"Dueling Pianos" will start at 7 p.m. Friday, at the Vineland Center, 1155 Vineland Road. The event had less than 100 tickets left as of Tuesday afternoon.

The evening's entertainment will showcase Dueling Pianos International's Andy Paczak and Todd Cutshaw battling out musical favorites on two grand pianos, with jokes, singing and high jinks galore. Their musical repertoire, all by audience request, will span classic rock to country, hard rock to R&B, show tunes to Top 40. Paczak and Cutshaw, both of Ohio, are new to this event this year.

An optional buffet dinner starts at 5:30 p.m., and cocktails begin at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are $30 for the show, or $50 for the show and dinner. Tables of eight are available for $240 for the show only, or $400 for the show and dinner. There will be a cash bar.

In addition, the SMSO will host a silent auction filled with gift certificates from local merchants and restaurants, passes to events, memberships to local organizations, and more.

All proceeds from the event and the auction will benefit the SMSO.

For more information, or tickets, call 982-4030 or visit www.smso.org.

Chili, beer to fill SJ this weekend

ST. JOSEPH — Chili and beer will make their annual returns to downtown St. Joseph this weekend.

The eighth annual Chili Tour on Friday and the fifth annual St. Joe Winter Beer Fest on Saturday will welcome visitors to various sites.

Those looking to try different kinds of chili, or chili-inspired dishes and beverages, can visit 25 locations from 5-8 p.m. Friday.

Attendees can get started between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. Friday by picking up their chili tour map, and paying their $2 participation fee, at the St. Joseph Welcome Center, 301 State St. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Benton Harbor Soup Kitchen.

A judged portion of the event will give participating locations a chance to showcase their chili in front of a panel of judges. The winning location will host the Chili Pepper trophy until the next tour.

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PRIME TIME TV

THURSDAY EVENING JAN. 23

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC 7 13 41 57	Wheel of Fortune	Station 19 "I Know This Bar" CC		Grey's Anatomy (N) CC		:01 A Million Little Things "The Kiss"	
CBS 2 3 22	Ent. Tonight	Young Sheldon	The Unicorn	Young Sheldon	Mom CC	The Gayle King Grammy Special (N)	
NBC 5 8 16	Ac. Hollywood	Superstore (N)	The Good Place (N)	Will & Grace (N)	Perfect Harmony	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	
FOX 17 222 28 32	Modern Family	Last Man Standing	Outmatched	Deputy Charlie must patrol with Joseph.		Fox 17 News at 10:00PM	
PBS 34	Radar-Michigan	The Mystery of Agatha Christie		Father Brown "The Kembleford Dragon"		Antiques Roadshow (N) CC	
CW 25	Big Bang Theory	Supernatural "The Heroes' Journey" (N)		Legacies (N) CC		News	Seinfeld CC
MNT 50	Family Feud	Chicago P.D. "The Docks" CC		Law & Order: Criminal Intent "No Exit"		Law & Order: Criminal Intent CC	
WCIU 26	Mike & Molly	Supernatural "The Heroes' Journey" (N)		Legacies (N) CC		2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls
WHME 46	:00 Heartland	Heartland "Trust" CC (DVS)		Highway to Heaven CC		The List (N) CC	Celebrity Page (N)
WGN 9	News	black-ish	black-ish	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC	
A&E	The First 48	The First 48 "The Invader" (N) CC		Alaska PD Three new officers adapt.		:01 60 Days In "Program in Peril" (N)	
AMC	Night Museum	★★ Jack the Giant Slayer ('13, Fantasy) Nicholas Hoult, Eleanor Tomlinson, Ewan McGregor. CC					X-Men: First
Animal	Lone Star	:01 Lone Star Law: Uncuffed (N)				Lone Star Law	
BET	6:00 ★★★ Set It Off ('96)			★★★ New Jack City ('91) CC			
Big Ten	Basket	Women's College Basketball				Journey	BTN Live
Bravo	Project Runway Designers channel their family stories. CC			Project Runway Designers collaborate with an artist. (N) CC			Watch What
Cartoon	Gumball	American	American	Burgers	Burgers	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy
Cinemax	6:05 Ocean's 8	★★★ Die Hard With a Vengeance ('95, Action) Bruce Willis, Jeremy Irons. CC				:10 ★★★ Contagion ('11) CC	
CMT	Last Man	★★★ Top Gun ('86, Action) Tom Cruise. CC					Speed
CNBC	Shark	Shark Tank CC		Shark Tank CC		Shark Tank	
CNN	OutFront	Anderson Cooper		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight	
Comedy	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office
Discovery	Rescue	Homestead Rescue "Cobbers Nightmare"		Reclaimed "Cabin in the Sky" (N) CC		Building Off the Grid "Island Getaway" (N)	
Disney	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Gabby	Sydney	Just Roll	Coop	Sydney
DIY	Maine	Salvage	Salvage	Salvage	Salvage	Salvage	Salvage
E!	Cavallari	Very Cavallari CC		Very Cavallari (N)		Nightly	Cavallari
ESPN	Women's College Basketball			Skills Show.		X Games (N) (L)	
ESPN2	College Basketball			2020 Australian Open Tennis Third Round.			
ESPNC	Tyson's	Boxing		Boxing CC		Boxing CC	
Food	Restaur	Restaurant: Im.		Restaurant: Im.		Beat Flay	Beat Flay
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) CC		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	Basket	Women's College Basketball				Oakland	Big East
Freefrm	⋆ Mr. Deeds	grown-ish "Damn"	Everything	The Bold Type ((SP)) (N)		grown-ish "Damn"	Everything
FX	War for Planet	★★ Transformers: Age of Extinction ('14) Mark Wahlberg. Optimus Prime and the Autobots face fearsome challengers.					
Golf	Central	PGA Tour Golf Farmers Insurance Open, First Round. CC					
Hallmark	Falling for You ('18)	Love in Paradise ('16, Comedy) Luke Perry, Emmanuelle Vaugier. CC				Love on Iceland ('20) CC	
HBO	The New Pope	★★★ Crazy, Stupid, Love. ('11) Steve Carell, Ryan Gosling. CC				Curb Enthusiasm	:40 The Outsider
History	Swamp	Swamp People		Swamp People		:03 Swamp People	
HGTV	Flip	Flip	Flip	Christina	Christina	Flip	Flip
Learning	My Feet	Dr. Pimple Popper		Dr. Pimple Popper		Feet-Killing Me	
Lifetime	:00 Supernanny	Married at First Sight First night alone as husband and wife. (N) CC				Supernanny "Supersized: Ostler Family"	
MSNBC	Hardball	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Floribama	Floribama Shore (N)		:02 Ex on the Beach		Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	Sports	Ninja Warrior		Ninja Warrior		Heartland Poker	
NFL	NFL Total	2020 Senior Bowl		NFL Football Teams TBA. CC			
Nick	How to Train Your Dragon ('10)			Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
NGEO	Russia	Alaska-Trooper		Alaska-Trooper		Alaska-Trooper	
Oxygen	:00 Snapped	An Unexpected Killer (N)		Murdered by Morning "Last Call" CC		Snapped "Valerie Pape" CC	
Parmt	★★★ Beverly Hills Cop ('84) Eddie Murphy.					Beverly Hills Cop	
Showtime	Shameless	:15 ★★ The Wedding Guest ('18, Suspense) Dev Patel, Radhika Apte. CC				The L Word: Generation Q "Lose It All"	
Starz	:05 ★★ Jumping the Broom ('11) Angela Bassett. CC			★★ Night at the Museum ('06, Children's) Ben Stiller, Carla Gugino. CC			
STZENC	:10 ★★ Footloose ('84) Kevin Bacon, Lori Singer. CC			★ New in Town ('09) Renée Zellweger. CC			Legally Blonde 2
SyFy	:10 ★★★ Edge of Tomorrow ('14) Tom Cruise, Emily Blunt. CC				:42 ★ R.I.P.D. ('13) Jeff Bridges, Ryan Reynolds. CC		
TBS	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory
TCM	Sporting Blood	★★★ Imitation of Life ('34, Drama) Claudette Colbert, Warren William. CC				★★★ Body and Soul ('47) CC	
TMC	About a Boy ('02)	★★ Why Did I Get Married? ('07) Tyler Perry, Janet Jackson, Jill Scott. CC				★★★ Ghost ('90) Patrick Swayze.	
TNT	Pregame	NBA Basketball Los Angeles Lakers at Brooklyn Nets.					Basket
Travel	Ghost	Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures	
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King
USA	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Modern Family	Modern Family
VH1	Hip Hop	Black Ink: Chicago		Black Ink: Chicago		Wild/Out	Wild/Out
WGN-A	M*A*S*H CC	M*A*S*H CC	M*A*S*H CC	M*A*S*H CC	M*A*S*H CC	M*A*S*H CC	M*A*S*H "Lil"

Talkative woman gives her friend the silent treatment

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I'm a busy woman. My friend "Adele" was calling me excessively on my cellphone. She would call up to three times every day, even when I was at work. When I would take her call, she'd start questioning me, asking me what I was so busy with. At times she would lecture me about things she thought I should be doing.

Her perfectionism and nonstop phone calls were smothering me. I finally asked her, as graciously as I could, to please stop the excessive calling. Now she no longer speaks to me at all.

We were friends for years, but the constant contact was stressing me out. Do you think I have ruined this friendship, or is this something that will blow over? – Smothered On The East Coast

DEAR SMOTHERED: Adele should not have been calling you multiple times every day, especially while you were at work, which could have had a negative effect on your job performance. It was not rude to ask her to stop and to explain why.

It appears that while your friend had no hesitation to lecture you about what you "should" do, she was hypersensitive when it came to receiving some constructive criticism. You haven't heard from her because she is trying to punish you. Consider yourself lucky. You haven't ruined the friendship; she has.

DEAR ABBY: I am a gay man. I moved to this city to be with my boyfriend six years ago. We have since broken up and gone our separate ways.

When I moved here, I left behind my family, friends and all I had ever known to be with him, but something just never felt right here. Since the breakup, this city has felt less and less like home, but the problem is, I never really felt at home in the town I grew up in either. It was a small, repressed community where if you even said the word "gay," most people were ready to shun you. Only some of my closest and dearest friends and a few family members really accepted me.

I guess my problem now is, I just don't know what to do. I'm trying to find my place in this world. Any advice you can offer or help you can give would be greatly appreciated. – No Place Feels Like Home

DEAR NO PLACE: Go on the internet and start researching cities that have a sizable gay community in which you can meet other gay people. Your next step should be to see what employment opportunities are available there for someone with your skill set. If you make the move, I predict it won't take you long to feel at home because you will find the emotional support you are looking for. I wish you luck on what I am sure will be an exciting and rewarding step forward in your life.

DEAR ABBY: I sent a VERY nice watch to my grandson for his 23rd birthday. The first thing he did was have it appraised for value and authenticity. The second thing he did was let me know he did it. I am flabbergasted and somewhat offended.

Additionally, this grandson and his siblings seem never to have been taught the importance of a handwritten thank-you note. Am I wrong and old-fashioned? – Not So Sure In The South

DEAR NOT SO SURE: Not in my book. Good manners never go out of fashion. But don't blame your grandson or his siblings for the breach of etiquette. Parents are supposed to teach their children the social niceties, and it appears theirs fell down on the job.

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Overwhelmed by girlfriend's martyr complex

Carolyn Hax

Adapted from a recent online discussion.

DEAR CAROLYN: I'm worried my girlfriend is developing a martyr complex. For the past couple of years, she has been increasingly over-extending herself, and it's making her miserable.

She goes above and beyond at work, then volunteers for extra duties, and she routinely gives up whole evenings and entire weekends to help relatives and friends with their own problems.

All of this would be fine, except it's stressing her out. Most of our conversations lately are her complaining about things/people in her life, how tired she is, and how there isn't enough time.

Often, she breaks down crying. I've suggested she slow down and take care of herself first, but she never does.

She's extremely vulnerable to guilt-tripping from friends/family. She worries they'll get mad if she doesn't do enough for them. I put on a brave face to support her, but I worry all the time, to the point where I can't focus at work.

I don't want to break up with her, but now I'm becoming miserable, feeling conscripted as her pseudo-therapist. I've run out of things to say and do to comfort her. It's exhausting and not how I want to live.

Is there any way I can explain this without making her feel worse or think I'm mad at her? – Brave Face

DEAR BRAVE FACE: I'm sorry. You are in over your head. As is she, of course.

Her low self-esteem jumps out of your question. She is frenzied with efforts to compensate for what she sees as her shortcomings, as if she can only justify taking up the earth-space she occupies by generating good works. Or what she thinks others would see as good works. Or what garners praise from others.

It's just layers and layers of doubts and cover-ups of doubts and cover-ups of the cover-ups.

She does crave and also deserve some comfort, and I'm glad you have tried to give her that, but comfort is not a solution to the problem – especially since her "yes" mechanism is frantically working to avoid the *dis*comfort of others' pressure and guilt.

The problem is her thinking so little of herself. She needs to see her own worth, beauty, gifts.

Therapy is the only option that makes sense to me here. Suggested by you, as an expression of concern for her health given how exhausted and sad she is, and how little you've been able to help her.

Say explicitly that you care about her and want to help her *but are not equipped to*.

Show her this Q and A if you think it would help her see that you're not mad at her, you're worried and, again, in over your head.

You, meanwhile, are so sucked into her pain that you can't concentrate? That's your cue to get to work on your own emotional independence and boundaries.

REGARDING MARTYR COMPLEX: She might consider Al-Anon, even if there is no active addict in her life. I went to both therapy and Al-Anon (at my therapist's suggestion), and they helped me with taking on other people's problems. – Anonymous

DEAR ANONYMOUS: Thanks. I agree it has a lot to offer on boundaries – which might be helpful to Brave Face, too.

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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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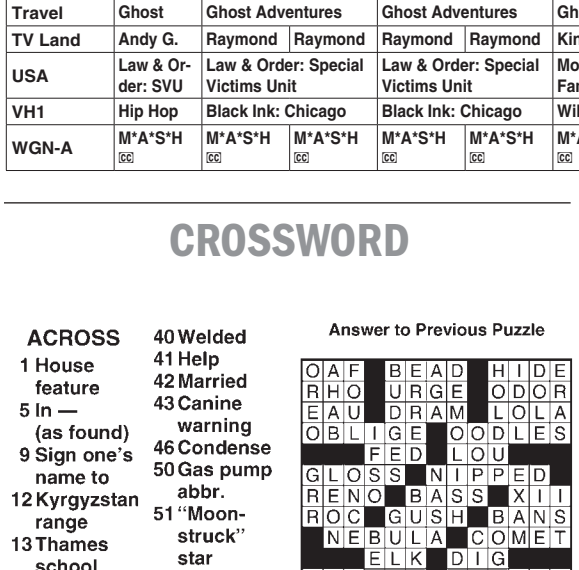

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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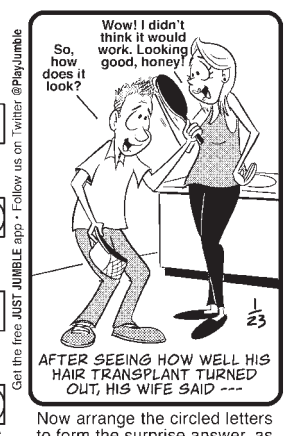
So, how does it look?
Wow! I didn't think it would work. Looking good, honey!
AFTER SEEING HOW WELL HIS HAIR TRANSPLANT TURNED OUT, HIS WIFE SAID ---
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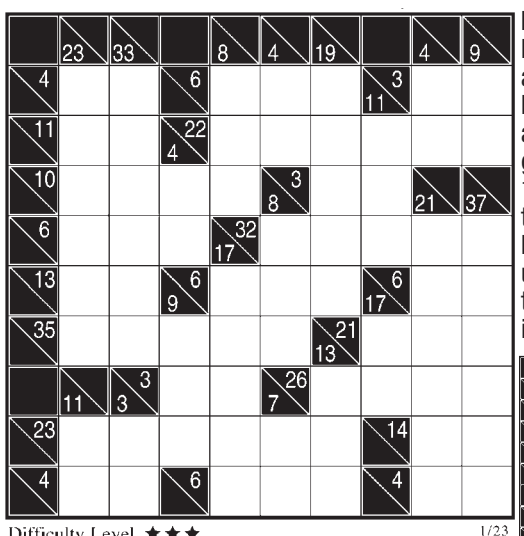
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

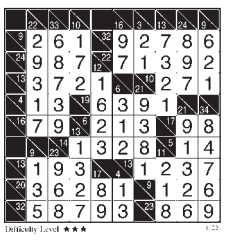
Yesterday's Jumbles: HYENA WAIVE BITTER GERBIL
Answer: The courtroom was brand-new, and the judge was ready to — GIVE IT A TRY

KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★★★ 1/23

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



BRIDGE

Mark Twain wrote in a letter, "All you need in this life is ignorance and confidence; then success is sure."

What a weird thought! In particular, if you know you are ignorant, how can you feel confident?

In this deal, North showed confidence in his partner's declarer play. How should South have tried to justify his partner's optimism? South was in four hearts. West led the club ace and continued with the club king.

North's two-diamond overcall showed both majors. Then, when South indicated a preference for hearts, North optimistically and confidently plunged his partner into four hearts. Was he justified? Only time would tell.

South hoped to lose only one spade, one heart and one club. But he needed to reach his hand to lead a spade toward the dummy. So he carefully ruffed with the heart queen and continued with a low heart to his jack. West won and persevered with the club queen, but declarer ruffed with the heart ace and drew trumps with his heart 10 and heart nine. Now he had to decide what to do in spades.

What did South know? West had produced 9 points in clubs and 3 in hearts. So he needed the spade ace to have sufficient values for his opening bid. Declarer led a spade and put up dummy's king. When it held, he played off the diamond honors, conceded a spade and claimed the last two tricks with his remaining trump and the diamond jack.

Finally, note that if South had ruffed the second club low on the board, West could have kept South out of his hand.

North 01-23-20
♠ K J 10 6 3
♥ A Q 5 2
♦ A K Q
♣ 7

West
♠ A 8 7 4
♥ K 6 3
♦ 9 6 2
♣ A K Q

East
♠ Q 9
♥ 7 4
♦ 10 8 5
♣ 10 9 6 5 4 2

South
♠ 5 2
♥ J 10 9 8
♦ J 7 4 3
♣ J 8 3

Dealer: West
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
	1NT	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Opening lead: ♣ A

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★☆☆

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5			2	7			1	
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7				9				6
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3	2	8	7	1		9		
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		7	6					

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

4	6	1	7	2	9	3	5	8
8	7	9	5	6	3	2	4	1
5	2	3	8	1	4	9	7	6
7	5	4	1	8	2	6	3	9
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6	1	8	3	9	5	4	2	7
1	4	5	9	3	6	7	8	2
9	3	7	2	5	8	1	6	4
2	8	6	4	7	1	5	9	3

THE GUIDE

Photo provided

Ann Arbor-based Chirp performs Friday night at The Livery. The band is comprised of Jay Frydenlund, Brian Long, Ken Ball and John Gorine.

TODAY

Robbie Gold Duo: 6 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's C Bar, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

FRIDAY

8th annual Chili Tour: 5-8 p.m., downtown St. Joseph; $2; 985-1111 or www.stjoetoday.com

Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra presents Dueling Pianos: 7 p.m., Vineland Center, 1155 Vineland Road, St. Joseph; $30-$50; 982-4030 or www.smso.org

Songwriter Showcase featuring Carrie McFerrin, Alex Austin and Andy Baker: 7 p.m., Foundry Hall at Black River Tavern, 403 Phoenix St., South Haven; $10 suggested donation; 220-0444 or www.foundryhall.org

Imphormal: 8 p.m., Iron Shoe Distillery, 3 N. Third St., Niles; 262-0454 or www.ironshoedistillery.com

"ABBA Mania": 8 p.m., Lake Michigan College Mendel Center Mainstage Theatre, 2755 E. Napier Ave., Benton Harbor; $27-$57; 927-8700 or www.themendelcenter.com

Chirp: 8:30 p.m., The Livery, 190 Fifth St., Benton Harbor; $10 suggested admission; 925-8760 or www.liverybrew.com

Dart Board Compromise: 10 p.m., Czar's 505, 505 Pleasant St., St. Joseph; $5; 983-1166 or www.czars.com

The Crawpuppies: 10 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Hard Rock Cafe, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

DJ Wayne: 10 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's C Bar, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

SATURDAY

Wedding World: 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Lake Michigan College Mendel Center, 2755 E. Napier Ave., Benton Harbor; 927-8700 or www.themendelcenter.com

5th annual St. Joe Winter Beer Fest: noon-4 p.m., Broad Street and Lake Boulevard, St. Joseph, sold out; 985-1111 or www.stjoetoday.com

Carhartt Party with Dave and Connie D.: 3-7 p.m., McIntosh Cellars, 6431 107th Ave., South Haven; 637-7922 or www.mcintosorchards.com

School of American Music presents Kunito Nishitani and Rudolf Haken: 7 p.m., Converge Community Church, 601 W. Buffalo St., New Buffalo; 409-1191 or www.schoolofamericanmusic.com

Gatsby Speakeasy Murder Mystery: 7-9:30 p.m., Halbritter Wickens Funeral Services, 615 E. Main St., Niles; $30; 683-3000 or www.halbritterwickens.com

Andrews University Symphony Orchestra's Young Artist Concert: 8 p.m., Andrews University's Howard Performing Arts Center, 4160 E. Campus Circle Drive, Berrien Springs; free; 471-3560 or howard.andrews.edu

Open Mic Night with Joe Bisceglia: 8 p.m., The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks; free, donations encouraged; 756-3879 or www.acornlive.org

Emery Plews Band: 8:30 p.m., The Livery, 190 Fifth St., Benton Harbor; $10 suggested cover; 925-8760 or www.liverybrew.com

'90s Party: 9 p.m.-2 a.m., Tonic, 219 Main St., St. Joseph; no cover; 982-4000 or www.tonicstjoe.com

The 1985: 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m., Front Street Pizza Pub, 510 N. Front St., Niles; 687-4992 or www.frontstreetpizzapub.com

Whiskey Highway: 10 p.m., Czar's 505, 505 Pleasant St., St. Joseph; $5; 983-1166 or www.czars.com

Twice the Action: 10 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Hard Rock Cafe, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

DJ Dubbington: 10 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's C Bar, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

SUNDAY

Lucky Bride: noon-4 p.m. Four Winds Casino Resort, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; $7.50-$50; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

Dale Wicks: 2:30-5:30 p.m., Dablon Vineyards, 111 W. Shawnee Road, Baroda; free; 422-2846 or www.dablon.com

Name That Tune Trivia: 4-6 p.m., Three Blondes Brewing, 1875 Phoenix St., Suite B, South Haven; free; 872-3911 or www.threeblondesbrewing.com

TUESDAY

Music Trivia: 6:30-9:30 p.m., Front Street Pizza Pub, 510 N. Front St., Niles; 687-4992 or www.frontstreetpizzapub.com

JAN. 30

Mendel Center Living Room Series presents Molly: 7 p.m., Lake Michigan College Mendel Center Mainstage Theatre, 2755 E. Napier Ave., Benton Harbor; $13-$18; 927-8700 or www.themendelcenter.com

JAN. 31

27th annual Ice Breaker Festival: 4-9 p.m., downtown South Haven; free; 637-5171 or www.southhavenmi.com

16th annual Magical Ice Fest: 5:30 p.m.-midnight, downtown St. Joseph; 985-1111 or www.stjoetoday.com

Opening reception for "Lines with Power and Purpose: Editorial Cartoons" and "Ongoing Matter": 6-8 p.m., Krasl Art Center, 707 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph; free; 983-0271 or www.krasl.org

Lynn and the Moonshine Runners: 7-10 p.m., Harbor Light Brewery, 516 Phoenix St., South Haven; 299-7760 or www.harborlightbrewing.com

Chris Robison: 7-10 p.m., Wegners Lakeside Bar & Grill, 2628 Lake Shore Drive, Niles; 683-1558 or wegners-lakeside-bar-grill.business.site

Twin City Players presents "The Savannah Sipping Society": 7:30 p.m., Twin City Players Playhouse, 600 W. Glenlord Road, St. Joseph; $12-$15; 429-0400 or www.twincityplayers.org

Our Town Players presents "Alice in Wonderland": 7:30 p.m., Listiak Auditorium, South Haven High School, 600 Elkenburg St., South Haven; $12, $10 seniors and students 12 and older, $6 ages 11 and younger; www.ourtownplayers.org

Don Savoie: 7:30-10 p.m., Iron Shoe Distillery, 3 N. Third St., Niles; 262-0454 or www.ironshoedistillery.com

Great White and Slaughter: 9 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Silver Creek Event Center, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; sold out; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

Bob Marley Birthday Bash with Indika: 10 p.m., Czar's 505, 505 Pleasant St., St. Joseph; $5; 983-1166 or www.czars.com

Libido Funk Circus: 10 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Hard Rock Cafe, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

DJ Kenya: 10 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's C Bar, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

DC-90: 10 p.m.-1:30 a.m., Black River Tavern, 403 Phoenix St., South Haven; 637-4837 or www.blackrivertavern.com

FEB. 1

24th annual Dowagiac Ice Time Festival: 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m., downtown Dowagiac; free; 782-8212 or www.dowagiacchamber.com

Echoes of Pompeii (Pink Floyd tribute): 8 p.m., The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks; sold out; 756-3879 or www.acornlive.org

Andrews University Wind Symphony Winter Concert: 8 p.m., Andrews University's Howard Performing Arts Center, 4160 E. Campus Circle Drive, Berrien Springs; $6, $4 students, free ages 10 and younger; 471-3560 or howard.andrews.edu

Bronk Bros: 8-11 p.m., South Haven Brewpub, 515 Williams St., Suite 23, South Haven; 767-7105 or www.southhavenbrewpub.com

The Bootstrap Boys: 8:30 p.m., The Livery, 190 Fifth St., Benton Harbor; $10 suggested admission; 925-8760 or www.liverybrew.com

"The Beat Goes On" (Cher tribute): 9 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Silver Creek Event Center, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; $35; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

Sadie Bass: 10 p.m., Czar's 505, 505 Pleasant St., St. Joseph; $5; 983-1166 or www.czars.com

DJ Mad Jaz: 10 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's C Bar, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

DJ Sticky Boots: 10 p.m.-2 a.m., Tonic, 219 Main St., St. Joseph; 982-4000 or www.tonicstjoe.com

27th annual Ice Breaker Festival: 7 a.m.-9 p.m., see Jan. 31

16th annual Magical Ice Fest: 8 a.m.-6 p.m., see Jan. 31

"The Savannah Sipping Society": see Jan. 31

"Alice in Wonderland": see Jan. 31

FEB. 2

The Backsliders: 2 p.m., Vineyard 2121 Winery & Tasting Room, 4110 Red Arrow Highway, Benton Harbor; free; 849-0109 or www.vineyard2121.com

Mark Ficks: 2:30-5:30 p.m., Dablon Vineyards, 111 W. Shawnee Road, Baroda; free; 422-2846 or www.dablon.com

Twin City String Band: 3-5 p.m., Forte Coffee, 2045 Niles Road, St. Joseph; 769-0050 or www.forte.coffee

27th annual Ice Breaker Festival: noon-6 p.m., see Jan. 31

"The Savannah Sipping Society": 2 p.m., see Jan. 31

"Alice in Wonderland": 3 p.m., see Jan. 31

FEB. 3

Monday Musical Club presents Andrew Fisher: 7 p.m., The Heritage Museum and Cultural Center, 601 Main St., St. Joseph; www.mmcmi.org

FEB. 6

Mike Talbot: 7 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's C Bar, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

"Alice in Wonderland": 6:30 p.m., see Jan. 31

FEB. 7

DJ Dale Owen: 6-9 p.m., Vineyard 2121 Winery & Tasting Room, 4110 Red Arrow Highway, Benton Harbor; 849-0109 or www.vineyard2121.com

Toby Bresnahan: 7-10 p.m., Harbor Light Brewery, 516 Phoenix St., South Haven; free; 299-7760 or www.harborlightbrewing.com

Worship Music Open Mic with Marcus and Marketo: 8 p.m., The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks; free, donations encouraged; 756-3879 or www.acornlive.org

Trifocal: 8 p.m., The Livery, 190 Fifth St., Benton Harbor; $10 suggested donation; 925-8760 or www.liverybrew.com

Jonny Love & The Goods: 8-10 p.m., Iron Shoe Distillery, 3 N. Third St., Niles; 262-0454 or www.ironshoedistillery.com

Love Day Dance Party with 27 Entertainment: 8 p.m.-midnight, Journeyman Distillery, 109 Generations Drive, Three Oaks; $30; 820-2050 or www.journeymandistillery.com

DJ Jellie Bean: 10 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's C Bar, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

"The Savannah Sipping Society": see Jan. 31

"Alice in Wonderland": see Jan. 31

FEB. 8

Harpist Cynthia Shelhart: 1-1:45 p.m. and 2:15-3 p.m., Apothica Teas, 222 E. Main St., Niles; 340-0826

The Manhattan Transfer with Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra: 7:30 p.m., Lake Michigan College Mendel Center Mainstage Theatre, 2755 E. Napier Ave., Benton Harbor; $45-$85; 927-8700 or www.themendelcenter.com

Carla Trynchuk and Chi Yong Yun: 8 p.m., Andrews University's Howard Performing Arts Center, 4160 E. Campus Circle Drive, Berrien Springs; $6, $4 students and seniors; 471-3560 or howard.andrews.edu

Full Cord: 8:30 p.m., The Livery, 190 Fifth St., Benton Harbor; $7-$10; 925-8760 or www.liverybrew.com

Trash Can Cocktail: 10 p.m., Czar's 505, 505 Pleasant St., St. Joseph; $5; 983-1166 or www.czars.com

BBI: 10 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Hard Rock Cafe, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

DJ Chris: 10 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's C Bar, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

"The Savannah Sipping Society": see Jan. 31

"Alice in Wonderland": see Jan. 31

FEB. 9

Artist reception for Northern Indiana Artists Exhibit: 2-4 p.m., Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve's Clark Art Gallery, 13988 Range Line Road, Niles; 695-6491 or www.fernwoodbotanical.org

CarMa: 2-5 p.m., Wegners Lakeside Bar & Grill, 2628 Lake Shore Drive, Niles; free; 683-1558 or wegners-lakeside-bar-grill.business.site

Mike Talbot: 2:30-5:30 p.m., Dablon Vineyards, 111 W. Shawnee Road, Baroda; free; 422-2846 or www.dablon.com

Scott Club Concert Series presents Tina Gorter, Keith Gieman and David Bernard: 3-4:30 p.m., Foundry Hall at Scott Club, 652 Phoenix St., South Haven; free; 220-0444 or www.foundryhall.org

Andrews Sunday Music Series presents Mallory McHenry: 4 p.m., Andrews University's Howard Performing Arts Center, 4160 E. Campus Circle Drive, Berrien Springs; free; 471-3560 or howard.andrews.edu

"The Savannah Sipping Society": 2 p.m., see Jan. 31

FEB. 11

Book signing with "Turn the Page: The Bob Seger Story" author Edward Sarkis Balian: 6 p.m., Bridgman Public Library, 4460 Lake St., Bridgman; free; 465-3663 or www.bridgmanlibrary.com

Music Trivia: 6:30-9:30 p.m., Front Street Pizza Pub, 510 N. Front St., Niles; 687-4992 or www.frontstreetpizzapub.com

The Economic Club of Southwestern Michigan Speakers Series presents Nic Sheff: 7:30 p.m., Lake Michigan College Mendel Center Mainstage Theatre, 2755 E. Napier Ave., Benton Harbor; $20-$50; 927-8700 or www.themendelcenter.com

FEB. 13

"A Piece of Love Vintage Valentines" with Rhiannon Cizon: 6:30 p.m., The Heritage Museum and Cultural Center, 601 Main St., St. Joseph; $5 suggested donation; 983-1191 or www.theheritagemcc.org

Jimmy Fastiggi: 7 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's C Bar, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

ONGOING

ART EXHIBITS

Archive exhibit of SMC event posters from 2010-19: through Jan. 30, Southwestern Michigan College's Gallery, Dale A. Lyons Building, 58900 Cherry Grove Road, Dowagiac; free; 782-1457 or www.swmich.edu

"Palimpsest" by Scott Elliott: through Feb. 11; ARS Gallery/Arts & Culture Center, 147 Fifth St., Benton Harbor; free; 277-5090 or arsartsandculture.org

"This Is My Brain Healing" by Laura Hanlin, BAC instructor showcase and **woodcarving by John VanDyke:** through Feb. 22, Buchanan Art Center, 117 W. Front St., Buchanan; free; 697-4005 or buchananartcenter.com

"2019 Members Show: Inspired by the Greats": through Feb. 29, Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., St. Joseph; free; 983-3688 or boxfactoryforthearts.org

Works by Bruce Wrenn: through March 11, The Gallery at The Inn at Harbor Shores, 800 Whitwam Drive, St. Joseph; 983-1111 or www.harborshoresresort.com/the-inn

WEEKLY EVENTS

Karaoke: 7 p.m. Thursdays, 9:30 p.m. Fridays; Babe's Lounge, 565 Riverview Drive, Benton Harbor; free; 925-3787

Geeks Who Drink Trivia: 7 p.m. Thursdays, Three Blondes Brewing, 1875 Phoenix St., Suite B, South Haven; free; 872-3911 or www.threeblondesbrewing.com

Team trivia: 7 p.m. Thursdays; Sister Lakes Brewing, 92500 CR 690, Dowagiac; free; 332-5135 or www.sisterlakesbrewing.com

Music match trivia: 7 p.m. Thursdays; The Buck Burgers & Brew, 412 State St., St. Joseph; 281-0320 or eatatthebuck.com

Karaoke: 9 p.m. Thursdays; Czar's 505, 505 Pleasant St., St. Joseph; 983-1166 or www.czars.com

DJ karaoke: 9 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays; Arrowhead Bar & Grill, 20 W. Main St., Hartford; free; 621-4100

Karaoke: 9 p.m. Saturdays; AJ's Uptown Bar and Grill, 102 E. Ferry St., Berrien Springs; 473-1579

Karaoke: 10 p.m. Saturdays, Wednesdays; The Sandbar & Grille, 2701 Lakeshore Drive, St. Joseph; free; 983-9977

Team trivia: 7 p.m. Mondays; The Buck Burgers & Brew, 412 State St., St. Joseph; 281-0320 or eatatthebuck.com

Open mic: 7-9 p.m. Mondays, Uptown Pizza Co., 100 E. Ferry St., Berrien Springs; 473-6007 or www.uptownpizzacompany.com

Open mic: 7 p.m. Tuesdays; St. Joseph-Benton Harbor Elks Lodge 541, 601 Riverview Drive, Benton Harbor; free; 363-4180

Trivia: 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Arclight Brewing Co., 544 N. Main St., Watervliet; 332-0718 or www.arclightbrewing.com

Open mic: 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays; The Buck Burgers & Brew, 412 State St., St. Joseph; 281-0320 or eatatthebuck.com

Rock 'n' Roll Dance Music with DJ Dale Owen: 7-10 p.m. Wednesdays; Hidden Pointe Hall, 1050 Nickerson Ave., Benton Harbor; $5; 926-1358

Team Trivia: 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays; The Livery, 190 Fifth St., Benton Harbor; free; 925-8760 or www.liverybrew.com

The Guide appears Thursdays in Entertainment. Submissions must include day, time, location, cost and contact information. Submissions must be received by 5 p.m. Friday to appear in the following Thursday. We reserve the right to edit for space and style. Email to Focus@TheHP.com, fax to 429-4398 or mail to Focus, The Herald-Palladium, P.O. Box 128, St. Joseph, MI 49085. For questions, call Andy Steinke at 932-0363.

ABBA

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boat/bus together. We have so much fun on stage, and I think it's because we have so much chemistry off stage. These musicians are some of the best in the industry. They're just fantastic people and musicians."

ABBA Mania formed in 1999, and the show has been selling out theaters and concert halls internationally ever since. Long said the two-hour show presents ABBA with respect and celebration.

"While it's musical theater essentially, it's very interactive," she said. "And while it's a pretty set show night to night, I don't get bored of it. It's so high energy and upbeat, it's hard to get tired. We dance the whole time and put a lot of energy into it."

And while Long said she loves putting energy into crowd-pleasers like "Mamma Mia" and "Dancing Queen," her favorite song to perform is "Chiquitita."

"It's my favorite to sing, and I get to sing with Frida," Long said. "It's about two women that are supporting each other in times of grief and loss. It's a very beautiful song."

She also enjoys her big solo, "The Winner Takes it All."

Long's other credits include amusement park shows, singing in bands and performing on cruise ships. She's toured with the NYC-based USO Show Troupe, with whom she opened for Katy Perry and Tim McGraw, and has performed in venues like Yankee Stadium and at the Times Square New Year's Eve Celebration.

But, she said, performing in ABBA Mania has been the most fun she's ever had on stage.

"It's a lot of work, and it's a hard lifestyle," Long said. "But I love my time on- and offstage so far, that's why I keep coming back. The most important gigs are the ones with people you enjoy."

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Photo provided

Amy Edwards performs as Frida in the U.S. tour of "ABBA Mania," which comes to The Mendel Center on Friday night.

HIGHLIGHTS

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The beer fest is sold out, but will take place from noon-4 p.m. at the corner of Broad Street and Lake Boulevard, for those 21 and older. There were 850 tickets available.

Attendees will get to sample beers from 16 different breweries.

For more information about either event, visit www.stjoetoday.com or call 985-1111.

Two opportunities for couples this weekend

Southwest Michigan will offer two opportunities for those planning weddings to get some inspiration this weekend.

Wedding World, hosted by Midwest Family Broadcasting, will fill Grand Upton Hall at The Mendel Center, 2755 E. Napier Ave., Benton Harbor, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday.

The event is free. Registration is available at the radio station studios, 580 E. Napier Ave., Benton Harbor, or at the door the day of the event.

In addition to featuring more than 60 exhibitors, the event will have identical fashion shows at noon and 2 p.m. inside the hall featuring wedding gowns, bridesmaid dresses and tuxedos. There also will be mini seminars at 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 1 p.m., and 1:30 p.m.

Attendees can enjoy beverages from a cash bar, and door prizes will be randomly drawn.

For more information, visit www.myweddingworld.com.

In New Buffalo on Sunday, another bridal experience will take place at Four Winds Casino, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo.

Lucky Bride, hosted by The Wedding Mag and Four Winds, is from noon-4 p.m. and will feature 55 exhibitors, a gown sale and tastings.

Tickets are between $7.50 and $50 for different experiences, and can be bought online at luckybrideevent.com.

BRIEFS

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Department of Music's Young Artist Competition.

For 2020, the winning selections were varied, encompassing music from American, French and German composers taking inspiration from jazz, musical theater, the Hindu Goddess of Wealth, a Polish polonaise dance and gypsy music, as well as a "Flute Concertino" by Cécile Chaminade.

The soloists will be Danya Wilson (violin), Betania Cañas (flute), Jason Marquez (clarinet), Tyler Ninalga (piano), Vivian Raimundo (soprano) and Annelise Burghardt (soprano).

Following the six soloists, all members of the symphony orchestra will join forces to perform Richard Wagner's "Overture to Die Meistersinger" under the baton of Nehemias Calsin, a graduate student in orchestral conducting.

Admission is free, and tickets are not required.

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NOW PLAYING

Movies in theaters this week.

NEW RELEASES

"The Gentleman": A British drug lord tries to sell off his highly profitable empire to a dynasty of Oklahoma billionaires. Stars Matthew McConaughey, Charlie Hunnam, Michelle Dockery, Jeremy Strong and Lyne Renee. Rated R for violence, language throughout, sexual references and drug content. Runtime: 113 minutes.

"The Turning": A young governess is hired by a man who has become responsible for his young nephew and niece after the deaths of their parents. Stars Mackenzie Davis, Finn Wolfhard, Brooklynn Prince, Karen Egan and Mark Huberman. Rated PG-13 for terror, violence, disturbing images, brief strong language and some suggestive content. Runtime: 94 minutes.

STILL SHOWING

"1917": Two young British soldiers during World War I are given an impossible mission: deliver a message deep into enemy territory that will stop 1,600 men, and one of the soldiers' brothers, from walking straight into a deadly trap. Stars Dean-Charles Chapman, George MacKay, Daniel Mays, Colin Firth and Pip Carter. Rated R for violence, some disturbing images and language. Runtime: 119 minutes.

"Bad Boys for Life": The Bad Boys Mike Lowrey and Marcus Burnett are back together for one last ride. Stars Will Smith, Martin Lawrence, Alexander Ludwig, Vanessa Hudgens and Joe Pantoliano. Rated R for strong bloody violence, language throughout, sexual references and brief drug use. Runtime: 123 minutes.

"Dolittle": A physician discovers that he can talk to animals. Stars Robert Downey Jr., Antonio Banderas, Michael Sheen, Jim Broadbent and Jessie Buckley. Rated PG for some action, rude humor and brief language. Runtime: 106 minutes.

"Jumanji: The Next Level": The gang is back, but the game has changed. As they return to rescue one of their own, the players will have to brave parts unknown – from arid deserts to snowy mountains – to escape the world's most dangerous game. Stars Karen Gillan, Dwayne Johnson, Jack Black, Nick Jonas and Kevin Hart. Rated PG-13 for adventure action, suggestive content and some language. Runtime: 123 minutes.

"Just Mercy": World-renowned civil rights defense attorney Bryan Stevenson works to free a wrongly condemned death row prisoner. Stars Michael B. Jordan, Jamie Foxx, Brie Larson, Rafe Spall and Tim Blake Nelson. Rated PG-13 for thematic content including some racial epithets. Runtime: 136 minutes.

"Knives Out": A detective investigates the death of a patriarch of an eccentric, combative family. Stars Daniel Craig, Chris Evans, Ana de Armas, Jamie Lee Curtis and Michael Shannon. Rated PG-13 for thematic elements including brief violence, some strong language, sexual references and drug material. Runtime: 130 minutes.

"Like a Boss": Two friends with very different ideals start a beauty company together. One is more practical while the other wants to earn her fortune and live a lavish lifestyle. Stars Rose Byrne, Tiffany Haddish, Salma Hayek, Billy Porter and Jennifer Coolidge. Rated R for language, crude sexual material and drug use. Runtime: 83 minutes.

"Little Women": Four sisters come of age in America in the aftermath of the Civil War. Stars Saoirse Ronan, Emma Watson, Timothée Chalamet, Florence Pugh and Eliza Scanlen. Rated PG for thematic elements and brief smoking. Runtime: 134 minutes.

"Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker": The surviving Resistance faces the First Order once more in the final chapter of the Skywalker saga. Stars Adam Driver, Daisy Ridley, John Boyega, Oscar Isaac and Mark Hamill. Rated PG-13 for sci-fi violence and action. Runtime: 141 minutes.

"Underwater": A crew of aquatic researchers work to get to safety after an earthquake devastates their subterranean laboratory. But the crew has more than the ocean seabed to fear. Stars Kristen Stewart, T.J. Miller, Jessica Henwick, Vincent Cassel and John Gallagher Jr. Rated PG-13 for sci-fi action, terror and brief strong language. Runtime: 95 minutes.

SPECIAL ENGAGEMENT
The Manhattan Transfer
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